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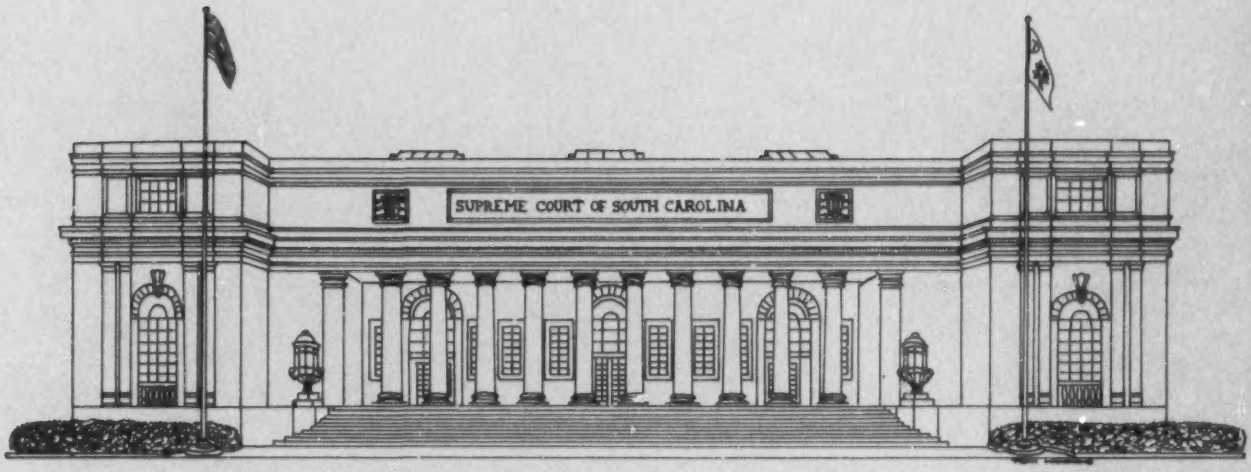

THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

The Supreme Court of South Carolina

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Citizens of South Carolina

RE: Judicial Department Annual Report for 1981

As administrative head of the Unified Judicial System I am presenting the Judicial Department Annual Report. This annual report covers the judicial activities for the year 1981.

In addition to the caseload activity we have included a survey of the component parts of our judicial system. This survey shows the operating costs for the offices of Clerk of Court, Probate Judge, Master-In-Equity, Public Defender, Magistrate, and Municipal Judge.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPREME COURT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
NIL ULTRA
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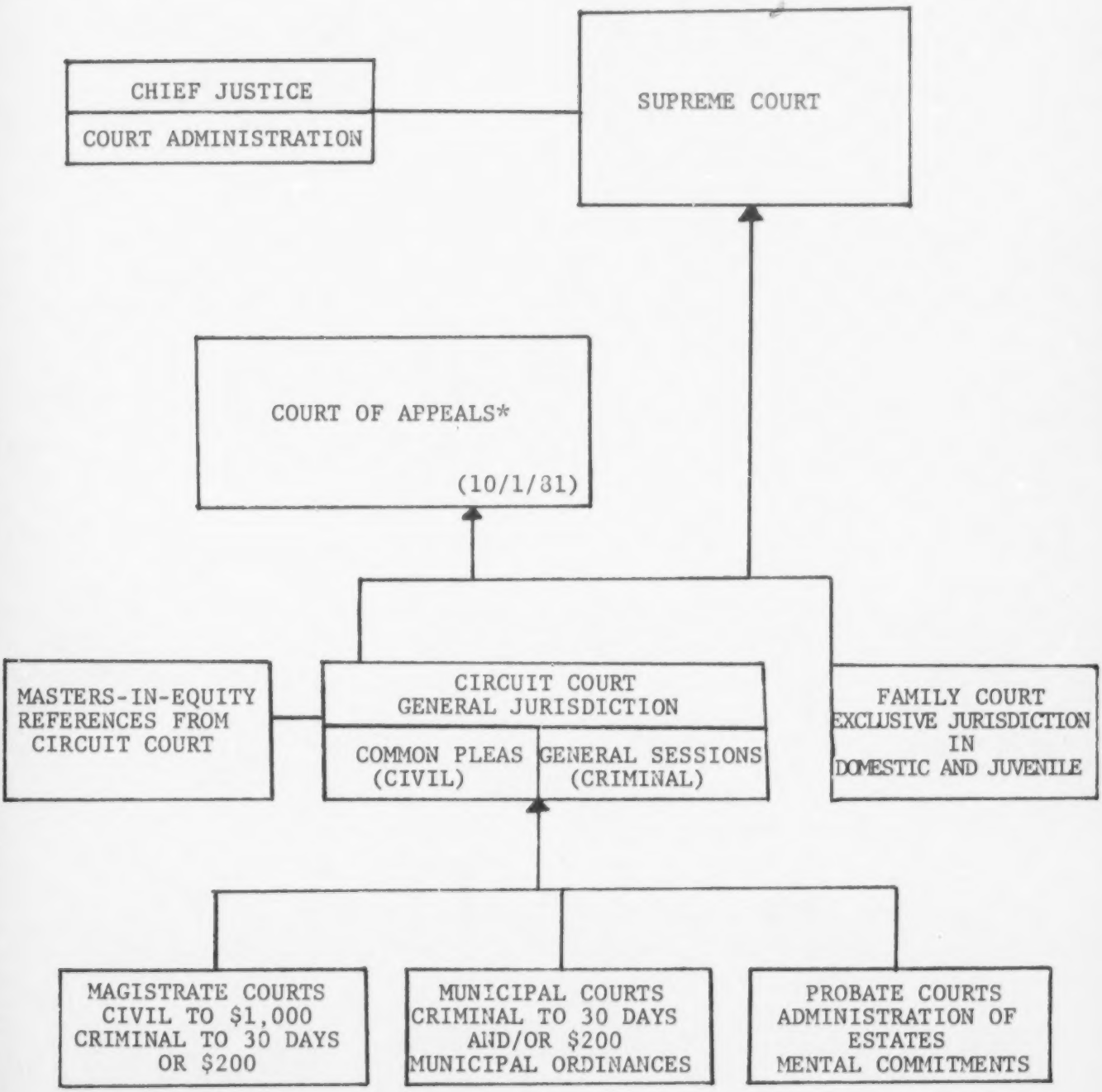
SOUTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL SYSTEM



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JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF STATE APPROPRIATIONS

	72/73	73/74	74/75	75/76	76/77	77/78	78/79	79/80	80/81	81/82
Supreme Court	450,579	491,705	661,967	824,422	996,071	934,864	1,276,771	1,277,195	934,553	1,173,238
Board of Law Examiners	7,200	7,200	12,000	18,000	19,500	19,140	10,500	20,405	18,500	13,500
Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline	15,000	15,600	25,000	25,000	25,000	34,412	43,508	58,035	35,657	56,990
Judicial Standards Commission	0	0	0	0	0	3,480	28,876	32,473	31,408	36,408
Circuit Courts	880,018	1,004,562	1,225,598	1,241,575	1,504,142	2,211,852	2,707,305	3,872,626	3,607,210	3,811,541
Family Courts	0	0	0	0	0	2,026,102	3,002,466	4,023,602	3,788,540	3,908,438
Court Administration	0	72,690	114,314	147,053	139,560	214,970	387,243	536,512	490,726	537,387
Internal Administration	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	302,495	344,552	333,459
Defense of Indigents	0	0	0	0	0	674,641	771,611	774,611	774,611	1,003,213
Judicial Commitment	0	0	0	0	0	376,727	126,737	550,000	470,000	333,000
Miscellaneous	0	13,979	26,328	0	0	757,044	1,036,118	242,463	2,026,457	2,373,230
Total Judicial Department	1,352,797	1,605,736	2,065,117	2,256,055	2,684,273	8,153,232	9,796,259	11,690,785	12,601,343	13,659,190
Total State Appropriations	757,718,015	757,319,416	1,038,704,872	1,213,960,630	1,260,857,588	1,369,844,465	1,379,287,243	1,556,722,589	1,727,025,707	1,918,174,826
	0.18%	0.21%	0.19%	0.19%	0.21%	0.60%	0.71%	0.75%	0.73%	0.71%

1977/1978 first year employer contributions (Social Security, State Retirement, etc.) included in Department's appropriation.

Miscellaneous includes employer contributions not broken down by program, general base pay increases and merit increment funds not broken down by program.

Internal administration function was included in Supreme Court prior to 79/80.

Federal Funds, supplement appropriations, and deficiency appropriations not included in either Total Judicial or Total State.

THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM GENERALLY

The judicial system of South Carolina is composed of the courts, the prosecution, and the defense components. The court system is comprised of the Supreme Court, the Circuit Courts, the Family Courts, the Magistrate's Court, the Municipal Courts, Probate Courts, and Masters-In-Equity. The prosecutorial system is made up of the circuit solicitors and the Attorney General's Office. The defense component includes public defender corporations, court appointed counsel, retained counsel, and the Office of Appellate Defense.

THE SUPREME COURT

The State's highest tribunal is the Supreme Court. The Court has both original and appellate jurisdiction, but generally acts only in its appellate capacity, rendering decisions based on lower court transcripts, briefs, and oral arguments. In addition to hearing and deciding cases, the Court also has rulemaking authority for the unified judicial system and controls admissions to and the disciplining of the South Carolina Bar. The Supreme Court is composed of a Chief Justice and four Associate Justices who are elected by the South Carolina General Assembly for a term of ten years. The terms are rotated and a justice may be re-elected to any number of terms. (See Article V of the South Carolina Constitution.)

THE CIRCUIT COURT

Directly under the Supreme Court is the Circuit Court, the State's court of general jurisdiction. The Circuit Court is divided into a civil court, the Court of Common Pleas, and a criminal court, the Court of General Sessions. In addition to its general trial jurisdiction, the Circuit Court has limited appellate jurisdiction over appeals from the Probate Court, Magistrate's Court, and Municipal Court. The State is divided into sixteen judicial circuits. Each circuit has at least one resident circuit judge who maintains his office in his home county within the circuit. There are thirty-one circuit judges serving the 16 circuits, comprised of the state's 46 counties, on a rotating basis, with court terms and assignments determined by the Chief Justice based upon recommendations of Court Administration.

THE FAMILY COURT

By Act 690 of the 1976 Acts and Joint Resolutions, the Uniform Statewide Family Court System was established. The Family Courts of South Carolina generally have exclusive jurisdiction over minors under the age of seventeen. South Carolina Code Section 20-7-400 (Cum. Supp. 1982) provides that the family court "shall have exclusive original jurisdiction and shall be the sole court for initiating action" concerning a child who "is alleged to have violated or attempted to violate any State or local law or municipal ordinance...."

South Carolina Code Section 20-7-430 (Cum. Supp. 1982) provides that if, during the pendency of a criminal or quasi-criminal charge "...it shall be ascertained that the minor was under the age of seventeen years at the time of committing the alleged offense," the case shall be forthwith transferred, "together with all the papers, documents, and testimony connected therewith," to the family court.

While as a general proposition the family court has "exclusive" jurisdiction over a person under seventeen years of age, Section 20-7-410 (Cum. Supp. 1982) provides that,

> "Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, the magistrate courts, municipal courts, and circuit courts of this State shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the family courts for the trial of persons under seventeen years of age charged with traffic violations or violations of the provisions of Title 50 relating to fish, game and watercraft when such courts would have jurisdiction of the offense charged if committed by an adult."

In addition, the Family Court may in certain cases bind a minor over for a criminal proceeding in either circuit or magistrate's court if that minor is 14 or 15 years of age. (Section 20-7-430 (Cum. Supp. 1982.)

The Family Courts also have exclusive jurisdiction of all matters involving domestic or family relationships. (Section 20-7-420 (Cum. Supp. 1982).) Pursuant to this provision the Family Courts are the sole forum for the hearing of all cases concerning marriage, divorce, legal separation, custody, visitation rights, termination of parental rights, support, alimony, and change of name.

The Family Court follows the territorial boundaries of the sixteen judicial circuits with forty-six judges who rotate within the counties of their resident circuit.

THE MAGISTERIAL COURT

There are approximately 315 magistrates in South Carolina, ranging from 3 to 22 per county. They are appointed by the Governor upon the advice and consent of the Senate, with terms ranging from two to four years. (South Carolina Constitution Article V, Section 23.) Magistrates have criminal trial jurisdiction over all offenses which are subject to the penalty of a fine not exceeding $200.00 or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days. (Section 22-3-550.) Magistrates have civil jurisdiction when the amount in controversy does not exceed $1,000. (Section 22-3-10.) However, in Landlord-Tenant matters and cases of bastardy their jurisdiction is not limited by a dollar amount. (Section 22-3-10, subsections (10) and (12).) In addition, magistrates are responsible for setting bail, conducting preliminary hearings, and issuing arrest and search warrants.

THE MUNICIPAL COURT

Act 480 of 1980 substantially changed the municipal courts of this state. It seeks to establish a uniform system of municipal courts to be part of the unified judicial system. The act repeals by implication all statutes which created different types of municipal courts not established in conformity with the new system (e.g., Mayor's and Recorder's Courts).

Municipal Courts have no civil jurisdiction, but have criminal jurisdiction over all state offenses and municipal ordinances subject to a fine not exceeding $200 or imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days, or both, and which occur within the municipality. (Sections 14-25-45 and 14-25-65). The term of a municipal judge is set by the council of the municipality, but cannot exceed four (4) years. (Section 14-25-15)

THE PROBATE COURT

Each county in South Carolina has a popularly elected Probate Judge who serves a four-year term. Probate courts have jurisdiction over estates of deceased persons, guardianships of minors and incompetents and involuntary commitments to mental institutions. (Title 14, Chapter 23.)

MASTER-IN-EQUITY

Act 164 of 1979 established a statewide Master-In-Equity system. The master is appointed by the Governor with advice and consent of the General Assembly for a term of four years. The master may serve in a full or part-time capacity and is compensated by the County Governing Body. The Master-In-Equity has jurisdiction in equity matters referred to that court by the Circuit Court. The master has the power to hear all motions and to make orders thereon, to extend the time to answer a demurrer, to grant leave to amend pleadings, and to admit new parties, to appoint guardians ad litem for infants, to enter final judgments in limited circumstances and to conduct sales. There are twenty Masters-In-Equity currently sitting. Final orders based on reports of masters are executed by circuit judges except where the master enters final judgment under limited circumstances. Appeals from final judgments entered by a master are to the Circuit Court unless otherwise directed by order of the Circuit Court or by consent by the parties.

SOUTH CAROLINA COURT ADMINISTRATION

The Office of South Carolina Court Administration was established in 1973 pursuant to the new Judicial Article, Section 4, Article V, South Carolina Constitution, which provides that the Chief Justice shall appoint an Administrator of the Courts and such assistants as he deems necessary to aid in the administration of the courts of the State. The State Court Administrator serves as the Director of the Office of South Carolina Court Administration. It is the administrative arm of the Chief Justice in his capacity as the administrative head of the State Judicial System.

The concept of an Office of Court Administration was developed throughout the nation with the idea that courts have reached the point where they require the use of sound business management methods in carrying out their responsibilities as part of the judicial branch of government. All fifty (50) states and the Federal Court System currently have an Office of Court Administration or its equivalent.

The Office of South Carolina Court Administration engages in a wide range of responsibilities and duties. These activities are as follows:

1. Recommends to the Chief Justice the scheduling of terms of Circuit Court and the assignment of judges to preside over these terms.

2. Recommends to the Chief Justice the scheduling of terms of Family Court and the assignment of judges to preside over these terms.

3. Supervises the administration of Circuit Courts, Family Courts, Probate Courts, Masters-In-Equity, Magistrates, and, to a limited degree, Municipal Courts, as well as the support personnel related to these courts such as Clerks of Court and Public Defenders.

4. Extensive caseload information and activity statistics are collected on the operation of the Circuit Courts, the Family Courts, Magistrate Courts, Municipal Courts, and Masters-In-Equity.

5. The office provides assistance to individual courts in calendar management, jury management, and recordkeeping. Such assistance is provided at the request of the individual trial courts or at the initiation of the Office of South Carolina Court Administration when problems come to its attention.

6. Serves as a clearing house of new studies and reports in the field of judicial administration and reform.

7. Makes recommendations to the Chief Justice on administrative or procedural rules being considered for adoption and analyzes the potential effect of such proposed rules on the system.

8. Supplies reports and documents to the legislature, appears before legislative committees, and drafts proposed legislation with the aid of advisory committees and others.

9. Conducts the mandatory judicial education programs for summary court judges including orientation schools for new judges and regional schools on specific subject matters.

10. Administers the Defense of Indigents Fund and the Judicial Commitment Fund.

11. Coordinates with and assists, when requested, the Judicial Standards Commission and the Office of the Director of Accounting and Personnel of the Judicial Department. Serves as liaison between the Judicial Department and other agencies of state government such as the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of

Juvenile Placement and Aftercare, State Law Enforcement Division, the Office of the Governor, and others. As State Court Administrator, the Director is a member of the Governor's Committee on Criminal Justice, Crime and Delinquency, the Court Modernization Committee of the South Carolina Bar, and the National Conference of State Court Administrators. Representatives of the office serve on various other committees with the Judicial Department and state government.

12. Serves as secretariat to the Judicial Council and the Appellate Defense Commission.

13. Carries out such additional duties as assigned by the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court.

The foregoing enumerates a wide area of activity which involves various specific duties. The role of the Office of Court Administration has been an expanding one as the constitutional mandate of judicial reform and the establishment of a unified statewide judicial system has been carried forward.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

This office is directly responsible to the Chief Justice for the internal fiscal operation of the Judicial Department. In addition to budgetary planning and operation, all personnel matters, payrolls and purchasing are the responsibility of this division. The State provides total funding for the operation of the Supreme Court and Court Administration. The State also funds the salary of the circuit and family court judges, their law clerks, secretaries, and court reporters as well as related equipment and supplies. County governing bodies are responsible for providing facilities for the operation of the Circuit, Family, Probate, Magisterial Courts, and Masters-In-Equity. All other personnel are funded by county governing units. One quarter of all fines, forfeitures, and other revenues generated by the circuit and family courts are paid into the State with the balance going to the local governing bodies. All magisterial court fines and fees are paid to the local governing body. There are limited exceptions to this were certain fines are directed to specific agencies.

DEFENSE OF INDIGENTS

The appropriated funds are used to provide legal representation for indigent defendants in criminal proceedings. Funds are disbursed to public defender corporations, in those counties having such a corporation, on a monthly basis. In counties having no public defender corporation, payments are made directly to court appointed counsel where indigency has been determined. The program is monitored by the Office of Court Administration with recommendations to the Supreme Court for necessary rule changes and improvements.

In Fiscal Year 1981 (July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981) $687,860 was appropriated to the Defense of Indigent's Program. From this appropriation, each county was apportioned an amount at the rate of $265.53 per one thousand population, based on the official United States Census for 1970. These individual allocations are for the use of the public defender corporations, in those counties which have them, and for the fees of appointed counsel in those counties which do not have defender corporations. There is also a statewide Defense Fund, for the payment of certain necessary expenses incurred in indigent defense, such Fund being available to both public defenders and appointed counsel.

Below, are the funds appropriated to those counties without public defender corporations during Fiscal Year 1981, for the payment of fees of appointed counsel, and the expenditures from those funds during the fiscal year.

COUNTY	APPROPRIATED	EXPENDED
Allendale	2,573.52	2,753.52
Bamberg	4,235.20	4,235.00
Barnwell	4,560.74	3,194.25
Clarendon	6,798.63	6,160.50
Dillon	7,657.35	7,717.35
Dorchester	8,570.25	8,570.25
Fairfield	5,310.33	2,543.50
Hampton	4,216.09	1,380.00
Jasper	3,155.82	966.05
Williamsburg	9,092.54	9,092.54
York	22,627.40	22,598.60

Public defender corporations, in those counties which have established them, in addition to the monthly disbursements from the State appropriated Defense of Indigents Fund, are partially subsidized by the individual counties, and by other available Federal funds.

The Defense Fund, for certain necessary expenses, was appropriated $171,339 in Fiscal Year 1981. The total expenditure in this category was $171,117.

JUDICIAL COMMITMENT ACT

The sums appropriated by the state legislature are used to provide designated examiners, legal representation, and court reporters involved in involuntary mental commitment proceedings brought in the Probate Courts of this State. This fund is administered by the Office of South Carolina Court Administration which monitors performance and needs. In 1980, the General Assembly amended the judicial commitment provisions to prohibit the direct payment of state employees for services rendered in judicial commitment proceedings. Court Administration was directed to contract with state agencies for services necessary to the judicial commitment process.

THE CLERKS OF COURT

Each county of South Carolina has a popularly elected Clerk of Court who serves a four-year term. The Clerk of Court serves the Circuit and Family Court systems as they operate in each county. Duties of the clerks extend in both civil and criminal areas: receiving criminal warrants and forwarding them to the solicitor; receiving bail; assembling trial lists; performing courtroom duties; handling jury-related matters; receiving fees, fines and costs; maintaining all court records; and handling reporting requirements. In 41 of the 46 counties, the clerk serves as the Register of Mesne Conveyances and thus keeps all records required by the recording statutes. All funding of clerks of court for staff, office space, and equipment is a county responsibility (Section 14-17-10, et. seq.), with the exception of a limited state salary and support personnel supplement.

THE PROSECUTION

By constitutional provisions, the Attorney General is the chief prosecutor of the State. (South Carolina Constitution, Article V, Section 20.) The Attorney General, besides acting as the State's chief prosecutor, also represents the State in civil litigation, and issues opinions regarding the interpretation of law. (Title 1, Chapter 7.)

Prosecution in circuit court is carried out by a circuit solicitor and his assistants. In addition, a solicitor, if directed by the Attorney General, may represent the State in a civil proceeding.

THE DEFENSE

An accused in South Carolina, when unable to retain counsel due to financial inability, may request the court to appoint counsel upon proof of indigent status. Such public defense may be by public defender or by appointed counsel, upon designation by the court. The fees (within maximum limits) and expenses are paid to appointed counsel, upon application for reimbursement by voucher to the Office of Court Administration out of a special fund established by the legislature for such purposes. Once an appointment is made, the attorney must represent the accused through trial, but he may be permitted to withdraw for good cause. The attorney serves without pay once the special fund is exhausted, unless the county provides additional funds. Also, attorneys in counties having public defender corporations may not have fees paid from the special fund, but must seek payment from other sources. Presently there are 33 public defender corporations established to provide services in 37 counties with the funds for these programs supplied from the Defense of Indigents program funds. State law allows multi-county defender corporations, but only three such corporations have been formed. The Office of Appellate Defense operates under the direction of the Appellate Defense Commission and handles all criminal indigency appeals.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON GRIEVANCES AND DISCIPLINE

The caseload of the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline increased so dramatically that the prior rule was revised by Order of the Supreme Court dated January 9, 1978. In 1970 the Commission considered 71 matters. By 1975 that number had essentially doubled to 153 and by 1977 it had essentially quadrupled to 283. Since the revised Rule has been in effect, however, the number of grievances appear to be on the decline.

Every grievance received by the Board is reviewed by the Chairman, he may dismiss the grievance for lack of merit, refer it to another Commission which may best suit the needs of the Complainant such as the Fee Disputes Committee, or the matter may be assigned for investigation by a member of the Commission from the circuit where the attorney complained about resides. When an investigative report has been filed by a Commission member, the matter is then scheduled for review by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is made up of five of the twenty-five Commission members and it meets monthly.

If the Executive Committee finds no merit to the grievance, the matter is dismissed. If the Committee finds probable cause that a violation of the Code of Professional Responsibility has occurred, the matter is referred to the Attorney General's Office and formal charges are brought by way of a Formal Complaint against the attorney. The matter is then set for a hearing by a three member panel made up of members of the Commission. Sixty days after the hearing the panel must submit a report of their findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a recommendation as to what sanction they feel should be imposed on the attorney for the violation. The entire matter is then reviewed appellately by the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee makes an independent recommendation as to sanction, and the matter is thereafter certified to the Supreme Court for their review and final disposition.

All proceedings before the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline are confidential.

A statistical summary is set forth on the following page.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON
GRIEVANCES AND DISCIPLINE

STATISTICAL SUMMARY 1973 - PRESENT

YEAR	TOTAL CASES	TOTAL CLOSED CASES	PANEL HEARINGS HELD	PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	INDEFINITE SUSPENSIONS	PERMANENT DISBARMENT
1981	167	114	28	2	5	2	5
1980	30	5	4	0	0	1	0
1979	160	90	13	11	5	1	4
1978	259	228	17	5	3	1	8
1977	283	272	21	6	5	0	4
1976	225	220	15	4	2	5	2
1975	153	152	19	6	2	1	4
1974	126	126	16	1	3	1	0
1973	107	107	9	2	1	2	0

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON JUDICIAL STANDARDS

The Supreme Court, under the authority vested in it by Article V of the South Carolina Constitution, issued Supreme Court Rule 34 entitled Rule on Judicial Discipline and Standards, which provided for the formation of the office of the Board of Commissioners on Judicial Standards, and also sets forth its area of responsibility and duties. The Judicial Standards Commission office commenced operation November 1, 1976. This Board, made up of six judges and two lawyers, was formed to accept from complainants their grievances against South Carolina judges and to make any necessary inquiry to determine if a judge has violated the Code of Judicial Conduct or has acquired any physical mental disability of a permanent nature which might affect his ability to perform his official functions.

Rule 34 also provides for the appointment of nine Hearing Masters by the Supreme Court. If a hearing is scheduled by the Board, three Hearing Masters are selected by the Supreme Court to hear the case against the respondent judge. They have the duty of reporting their findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to the issues presented by the complaint and answer.

After reviewing the record and this report by the Hearing Masters, the Board has the authority to make their own findings or concur with the Hearing Masters. They then have the duty of recommending any disciplinary action to the Supreme Court, which makes the final decision in the matter, and at that time it becomes a matter of public record.

The Examiner for the Board, an Assistant Attorney General, is appointed by the Supreme Court.

The office staff is composed of an Executive Secretary and an Administrative Assistant whose duties are to accept from the public, or other sources, grievances against judges and to make an initial inquiry in order to present the facts to the Board at their regular meetings. The office staff also performs the usual duties of maintaining files and records of the Board. The Executive Secretary also conducts any investigation requested by the Board.

The following is statistical data reflecting cases received and disposition of those cases since the inception of the office in November of 1976.

RECAP OF RESULTS OF ACTIONS TAKEN AFTER RECEIPT OF GRIEVANCE
BY THE OFFICE OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON JUDICIAL STANDARDS

	(Nov.-Dec.) 1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	Total
Informal corrective action (warning, admonition, judge corrected problem, etc.)	1	60	24	48	16	21	170
Interview of Judge before the Board				1			1
Formal complaint/amended complaint served		2	2		1	2	7
Hearing by Hearing Masters to rule on Motions					1		1
Formal hearing held by Hearing Masters		2	1		1	2	6
Hearing before Board of Commissioners		1		1		1	3
Judge Ordered retired as a result of hearings			1				1
Judge removed from office by Governor		3	1				4
Judge resigned after formal hearing			1				1
Judge resigned after formal complaint served			1			1	2
Judge resigned after receiving Rule to Show Cause and Petition for Suspension			4				4
Judge resigned/term expired and not reappointed while Judge under investigation		4	2	1	7	7	21
Judge suspended by the Chief Justice		2	1	2	2	1	8
Judge suspended by the Governor	2		3				5
Judge voluntarily suspended himself			2				2
Case turned over to SLED for investigation			5	1	6	1	13
Informal corrective action taken by Attorney General				1			1
Orders/new procedures recommended by the Board						3	3

RECAP OF REPORTS
for
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON JUDICIAL STANDARDS

November 1, 1976 through December 31, 1981

	(Nov.-Dec.) 1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	Total
CASES TO BE PROCESSED							
Grievances on Hand January 1	249*	66	18	24	13	19	389
New Grievances Received	35	241	118	124	77	66	661
Grievances Reopened	0	15	5	5	1	0	26
TOTAL GRIEVANCES	284	322	141	153	91	85	1,076
STATUS and/or DISPOSITION OF CASES PROCESSED							
Dismissed by Board After Investigation and Review of Grievance	206	274	97	135	63	64	839
Dismissed by Board Because Judge Left Office (48 Judges)		30	20	5	9	12	88
TOTAL GRIEVANCES DISMISSED	206	304	117	140	72	76	927
Grievances Under Investigation As Of December 31 (Including Pending-Inactive)	59	7	20	10	17	6	119
Grievances To Be Presented To The Board (Received After Last Quarterly Board Meeting)	7	11	4	3	2	3	30
TOTAL TO BE INVESTIGATED	66	18	24	13	19	9	149
TOTAL GRIEVANCES	284	322	141	153	91	85	1,076

*NOTE: 249 cases were received by this office from other state offices at the time this office commenced operation on November 1, 1976.

Breakdown Of All Complaints Received By
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON JUDICIAL STANDARDS
For The Period
January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1981

Type of Grievance	Supreme Court	Circuit Court	Family Court	Magistrate Court	Probate Court	Municipal Court	City Recorder	Master in Equity
Complainant disagrees with judicial decision			1	2				
Judge embarrassed complainant--arrogant, rude, unjudicious manner or remarks			2	5		1		
Judge delayed in hearing case/rendering decision/setting jury trial			3	2				1
Judge does not follow proper judicial procedure			1					
Judge's conduct improper in courtroom		1						
Judge's conduct improper in dealings with bonding companies				1				
Judge charged with DUI			1	3				
Judge under the influence of alcohol while performing duties			1	2				
Judge violated ABC statutes								1
Judge charged with public drunkenness								1
Judge uses judicial office/judicial title/stationery for personal advantage				2				
Judge furnished false information in deposition				1				
Judge attempted to have traffic violation reduced for friend				1				
Possible breach of state judicial standards	1							
Judge waived a gun at trespassers				1				
Judge sexually abused complainant				1				
Complainant alleges sex discrimination				1				
Judge engaging in political activities				2				
Judge practicing law				1	1			
Judge involved in blackmail scheme				1				
Judge cancelled court to prepare tax returns			1					
Judge possessed gambling device		1						
Judge is prejudiced against complainant/acted in a biased and prejudicial manner			2	5		1		
Jury selected improperly				1		1		
Judge heard cases/solicited merchants' business outside his district				1				
Complainant was refused a jury trial/an appeal/change of venue				2			1	
Complainant not notified of jury trial				1				
Judge lacked interest in complainant's problem				1				
Judge permitted photographs to be taken in courtroom				1				

Breakdown of all complaints received (Cont.)

Type of Grievance	Supreme Court	Circuit Court	Family Court	Magistrate Court	Probate Court	Municipal Court	City Recorder	Master in Equity
Complainant does not get service on C & Ds				1				
Judge refused to come to jail to sign warrant				1				
Judge is unduly influenced by chief of police						1		
Judge issued illegal warrant and rule to show cause			1					
Complainant alleges collusion between judge and opposing attorney			1					
Judge signed blank orders			1					
Warrant signed by judge's secretary (rubber stamping)				1				
Ex parte communication between judge and opposing attorney			1					
Complainant threatened with illegal arrest by judge			1					
Judge refused to issue warrant						1		
Judge charged complainant for estate house appraisal					2			
Complainant unable to contact judge					1			
Judge failed to respond to Court Administration's inquiries					1			
Complainant denied due process of law		1						
Judge suggested witness change testimony				1				
Irregular practice by judge					2			

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Breakdown Of All Complaints Received By
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON JUDICIAL STANDARDS
For The Period
January 1, 1981 through December 31, 1981

Type of Grievance	Supreme Court	Circuit Court	Family Court	Magistrate Court	Probate Court	Municipal Court	City Recorder	Master in Equity
Complainant disagrees with judicial decision			1	2				
Judge embarrassed complainant--arrogant, rude, unjudicious manner or remarks			2	5		1		
Judge delayed in hearing case/rendering decision/setting jury trial			3	2				1
Judge's behavior and attitude improper				2				
Judge does not follow proper judicial procedure			1					
Judge's conduct improper in courtroom		1						
Judge's conduct improper in dealings with bonding companies				1				
Judge charged with DUI			1	3				
Judge under the influence of alcohol while performing duties			1	2				
Judge violated ABC statutes								1
Judge charged with public drunkenness								1
Judge uses judicial office/judicial title/stationery for personal advantage				2				
Judge furnished false information in deposition				1				
Judge attempted to have traffic violation reduced for friend				1				
Possible breach of state judicial standards	1							
Judge waived a gun at trespassers				1				
Judge sexually abused complainant				1				
Complainant alleges sex discrimination				1				
Judge engaging in political activities				2				
Judge practicing law				1	1			
Judge involved in blackmail scheme				1				
Judge cancelled court to prepare tax returns			1					
Judge possessed gambling device		1						
Judge is prejudiced against complainant/acted in a biased and prejudicial manner			2	5		1		
Jury selected improperly				1		1		
Judge heard cases/solicited merchants' business outside his district				1				
Complainant was refused a jury trial/an appeal/change of venue				2			1	
Complainant not notified of jury trial				1				
Judge lacked interest in complainant's problem				1				
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Breakdown of all complaints received (Cont.)

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Judge refused to issue warrant						1		
Judge charged complainant for estate house appraisal					2			
Complainant unable to contact judge					1			
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BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS

Section 4 of Article V of the Constitution provides that the Supreme Court shall have jurisdiction over the admission of persons to the practice of law and, pursuant to this provision, the Court has appointed a Board of Law Examiners whose responsibility it is to determine whether or not the applicants possess the necessary legal knowledge for admission. In addition, the Court has appointed a Committee of five attorneys to determine whether the applicants possess the character and fitness for admission.

The bar examination consists of a multistate examination as given by the National Conference of Bar Examiners. This is a machine graded examination that is given in 41 states on the last Wednesday in February and July each year. In addition to the multistate examination, the examiners prepare questions and test the applicants on additional subjects. The essay portion of the examination is given on Thursday and Friday following the multistate examination. Each examiner grades his own questions and the scores are combined for an average and then forwarded to the National Conference of Bar Examiners to be combined with multistate grades.

The Clerk of the Supreme Court serves as secretary to the Board of Law Examiners, and the administrative work in connection with bar admissions is the responsibility of the Clerk.

The following statistics will be of interest.

Year	Number Taking Bar Examination	Number Passing	% Passing
1973	280	260	94½%
1974	298	278	93½%
1975	309	288	93 %
1976	322	298	92½%
1977	369	350	94½%
1978	327	304	93 %
1979	342	308	90 %
1980	274	253	92 %
1981	314	287	91 %

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION COMMISSION

The Supreme Court of South Carolina adopted in 1976 a rule which required mandatory continuing legal education for all judges within the state judicial system with the exception of the magisterial judges. Each judge is required to complete a minimum of fifteen (15) hours of legal education each calendar year. Such training may be acquired by in-state or out-of-state programs which are approved by the Commission. The Commission is composed of a Justice of the Supreme Court, two Circuit Judges, one Family Court Judge, one member of the University of South Carolina Law School Faculty and two members of the Bar of South Carolina. The Continuing Legal Education Program of the South Carolina Bar provides secretariat services to the Continuing Legal Education Commission for the Judiciary.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON

THE UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM

GENERAL FACTS AND STATISTICS

FOR PREVIOUS YEARS

GENERAL SESSIONS					COMMON PLEAS					FAMILY COURT					GENERAL SESSIONS, COMMON PLEAS, PLUS FAMILY COURTS TOTAL			
Year	Filed	Dispo.	Pend. End of Year	% Less Than 6 Mos.	Year	Filed	Dispo.	Pend. End of Year	% Less Than 12 Mos.	Year	Filed	Dispo.	Pend. End of Year	% Less Than 6 Mos.	Year	Filed	Dispo.	Pend. End of Year
1976					1976	26,257	33,239	15,813		1976	43,592	38,078	17,502		1976			
1977					1977	29,259	28,905	16,167		1977	54,272	51,553	20,221		1977			
1978	30,308	30,868	8,672	42%	1978	27,840	27,871	16,136		1978	60,364	62,586	17,999	65%	1978	118,512	121,325	42,807
1979	31,746	32,757	7,628	49%	1979	36,349	31,368	23,282		1979	52,635	55,259	15,375	76%	1979	120,730	119,384	46,285
1980	34,147	33,722	8,215	47%	1980	38,359	41,330	19,690	80%	1980	53,184	53,138	14,462	83%	1980	125,690	128,190	42,367
1981	31,930	33,421	6,600	44%	1981	39,465	38,909	19,282	87%	1981	54,240	53,032	15,326	83%	1981	124,635	125,362	41,208

SUMMARY COURTS								SUMMARY COURTS TOTALS				STATEWIDE AND SUMMARY COURTS TOTALS			
MAGISTRATE				MUNICIPAL											
Year	Filed	Disposed	Pending	Year	Filed	Disposed	Pending	Year	Filed	Disposed	Pending	Year	Filed	Disposed	Pending
1976	532,803	523,618	UK	1976				1976				1976			
1977	565,838	552,658	UK	1977				1977				1977			
1978	577,616	585,309	16,942	1978				1978				1978			
1979	604,068	604,398	8,109	1979				1979				1979			
1980	601,419	601,481	6,246	1980	248,095	248,822	4,551	1980	849,514	850,303	10,797	1980	975,204	978,493	53,164
1981	608,402	608,168	6,553	1981	297,951	297,179	5,390	1981	906,353	905,347	11,943	1981	1,030,988	1,030,709	53,151

GENERAL FACTS

GENERAL SESSIONS

Between 1978 and 1981, Filings increased by 5%.
Between 1978 and 1981, Dispositions have increased by 8%.
Between 1978 and 1981, Pending indictments dropped by 24%.

In 1981, 33,421 indictments were disposed of during 492 terms of criminal court.

As of June 30, 1982, there were 4,837 active pending criminal indictments of which 73% are less than 6 months old. There are an additional 3,142 pending indictments on the contingent docket.

Total pending equals 7,979 as of June 30, 1982.

COMMON PLEAS

Between 1976 and 1981, Filings increased by 47%.
Between 1976 and 1981, Dispositions increased by 17%.
Between 1976 and 1981, Pending cases increased by 22%.

In 1981, 38,909 civil cases were disposed of during 702 terms of civil court.

As of June 30, 1982, there were 21,515 pending common pleas cases of which 89% are less than a year old.

FAMILY COURT

Between 1976 and 1981, Filings increased by 24%.
Between 1976 and 1981, Dispositions increased by 39%.
Between 1976 and 1981, Pending cases dropped by 13%.

In 1981, 53,032 cases were disposed of during 1,877 terms of Family Court.

As of June 30, 1982, there were 15,829 pending Family Court cases of which 84% are less than six months old.

MAGISTRATE COURT

Handled 59% of all cases disposed of in South Carolina's courts during 1981.

Between 1976 and 1981, Filings increased by 14%.
Between 1976 and 1981, Dispositions increased by 16%.
Between 1976 and 1981, Pending cases dropped by 61%.

In 1981, the magistrates' court disposed of 608,168 cases.

MUNICIPAL COURT

We started collection information two (2) years ago.

Between 1980 and 1981, Filings increased by 20%.
Between 1980 and 1981, Dispositions increased by 19%.
Between 1980 and 1981, Pending Cases increased by 18%.

Caseload Totals: January 1980 to June 1982

-- The South Carolina Judicial System received 975,204 new cases in 1980 and disposed of 978,493.

-- In 1981, South Carolina courts received 1,030,988 new cases and disposed of 1,030,709.

-- As of June 30, 1982, there were 56,246 cases still pending in the various courts.

SUPREME COURT STATISTICS

1981

The attached statistical report summarized the Supreme Court's caseload activity for the calendar year 1981.

1. Appeals Categories - The appeals are broken down into categories. The categories are: Straight, Rule 29, Family Court, Criminal-Regular or No Merit, Post-Conviction, Disciplinary, and Original Jurisdiction.

DEFINITION OF CATEGORIES:

Straight - The Straight category includes regular and written opinions filed by the Court for publication.

Rule 29 - The characteristics of an appeal listed in the category labeled Rule 29 are outlined in the "Supreme Court Rules" located in The Court Register (p. SC-19). Specifically, "...Civil cases which do not involve a constitutional question and in which the amount involved is $500.00 or less, and all appeals in civil cases in which there has not been a final judgment..."[1] are placed in the Rule 29 category. Criminal Cases involving post-conviction relief, although covered by Rule 29, are listed in a separate category.

Family Court - The category Family Court simply includes appeals stemming from Family Court issues.

Criminal Regular or No Merit - All criminal appeals, with the exception of post-conviction relief, are included in the Criminal category. This category is further divided into two sub-categories labeled regular and no merit. The majority of criminal appeals falls under the regular heading. These are cases in which the appeal is with support of counsel. Conversely, those cases in which the counsel of the appellant feels there is no merit in the appeal, but the appellant pursues the appeal, are listed under the heading no merit.

Post-Conviction - Criminal appeals involving post-conviction relief.

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[1]From Rule 29, Supreme Court Rules, Court Register, p. SC-19.

Disciplinary - The category Disciplinary refers to the grievance procedure, which involves disciplinary action against an attorney.

Original Jurisdiction - The category Original Jurisdiction includes those appeals over which the Supreme Court exercises original jurisdiction.

II. Time Frame of Appeal - The attached report is divided into several sections, each deals with the appeal as it reaches different stages of development. The stages involve certain key words which refer to the related progress of the appeal. Examples of these key words include: "Notice Filed," (indicating the initial document has been filed with the Court); "Docketed," (referring to the receipt of the required number of case transcripts); "Ready for Consideration," (indicating that all briefs and related documents have been filed and the case is ready for the Court's consideration).

III. Additional Terms - In addition to the above, a few related terms need some elaboration. These terms include "Memorandum Opinions," "Regular Opinions," and "Motion to Settle the Record."

A. A Memorandum Opinion, as provided for in Rule 23 of the Supreme Court Ruels, may be filed when a full written opinion would have no precedential value. The decision must be unanimous and have one or more of several circumstances existing.

"(1) That a judgment of the trial court is based on findings of fact which are not clearly erroneous.

(2) that evidence of a jury verdict is not insufficient.

(3) that the order of an administrative agency is supported by such quantum of evidence as prescribed by the statute or law under which judicial review is permitted.

(4) that no error of law appears."[2]

B. Regular Opinions are those full, written opinions filed by the Court on appeals considered.

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[2]From Rule 23, Supreme Court Rules, Court Register, p. SC-18.

C. Motions to Settle the Record result from a lack of agreement between parties on the proposed cases involved. Prior to the docketing of the appeal, the settlement of the record is required. A motion to settle the record is simply a vehicle by which the record in question may be agreed upon.

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December 31, 1981

STATISTICS

January 4, 1982

DOCKETED 1980

	TOTAL
Straight - Civil	302
Rule 29 - Civil	108
Family Court	142
Criminal - regular	230
no merit	1
Post-Conviction	123
Disciplinary	11
Original Jurisdiction	4
	921

DOCKETED 1981

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Straight - Civil	15	26	31	40	26	28	37	29	32	24	32	23	343
Rule 29 - Civil	6	11	4	12	8	7	12	9	10	9	6	7	101
Family Court	12	13	20	10	13	13	18	15	12	16	17	19	178
Criminal - regular	19	15	28	28	18	24	22	36	23	25	13	24	275
no merit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Post-Conviction	12	6	19	11	12	8	10	6	5	3	13	15	120
Disciplinary	3	1	3	1	1	0	1	0	2	3	0	3	18
Original Jurisdiction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	67	72	105	102	78	80	100	95	84	80	81	91	1035

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ALL BRIEFS FILED -
CASES READY TO BE CONSIDERED
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1981

	1980	1981	TOTAL
Straight - Civil	222	241	463
Rule 29 - Civil	1	56	57
Family Court	68	100	168
Criminal - regular	1	108	109
no merit	3	24	27
Post-Conviction	1	25	26
Disciplinary	0	0	0
Original Jurisdiction	0	0	0
	296	554	850

Total Cases Docketed Awaiting Briefing 205

Cases Filed December 1 - December 31, 1981	89
December 1 - December 31, 1980	75
Total Cases Filed year to Date 1979	715
1980	921
1981	1035
Cases Ready for Hearing December 1981	850
1980	521
December 31, 1981 Cases Disposed of Rule 23	353
Published Opinions	260
Total disposed of in 1981	613

CASES DISMISSED 1979, 1980 & 1981

1979 DOCKET	1980 DOCKET	1981 DOCKET
67	75	55

1980 Motions (Supersedeas, Extensions of time, etc.)	715
1981 Motions (Supersedeas, Extensions of time, etc.)	851
Motions disposed of in 1981	817
Motions now pending in 1981	34

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BREAKDOWN OF CASES CONSIDERED DURING DECEMBER 1981 TERM

Straight	9	Original Jurisdiction	0
Rule 29	0	Disciplinary	3
Family Court	3	Post-Conviction	0
Criminal	4		

DECEMBER NOTICES OF APPEAL 1981

FILED	DISMISSED	DOCKETED	PENDING	TOTAL FILED TO DATE
198	88	73	629	2172

1980 Motions to settle the record filed	261
1981 Motions to settle the record filed	274
1981 Motions to settle the record disposed of	262
1981 Motions to settle the record pending	12

BREAKDOWN OF CIVIL CASES DOCKETED December, 1981

Straight	
Contracts	10
Torts	3
State Agency	2
Wills & Estate	2
Real Estate	1
Miscellaneous	1
Constitutional	1
Tax	1
Workmen's Comp.	1

Rule 29	
Contracts	4
State Agency	2
Torts	1

OFFICE OF APPELLATE DEFENSE

CNR's issued	0
Reinstated	0
Dismissed	0
Extensions (Notices of Appeal Office)	1
Notices of Appeal pending	197
Appeals docketed	25
Extensions	5
CNR's issued	0
Reinstated	1
Dismissed	0

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BREAKDOWN BY COUNTY
DECEMBER, 1981

COUNTY	REGULAR	FAMILY COURT
ABBEVILLE	1	
AIKEN		1
ANDERSON	2	1
BEAUFORT	2	1
BERKELEY	1	
CHARLESTON	9	2
CHEROKEE	2	
CHESTERFIELD	1	1
DARLINGTON	1	
DORCHESTER	1	
FLORENCE	5	
GEORGETOWN	1	
GREENVILLE	5	2
HAMPTON	2	
HORRY	3	
LEXINGTON		4
NEWBERRY	1	1
OCONEE	1	
ORANGEBURG	1	1
PICKENS	1	1
RICHLAND	18	2
SPARTANBURG	3	1
SUMTER	3	
UNION	3	
WILLIAMSBURG		1
YORK	1	

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS

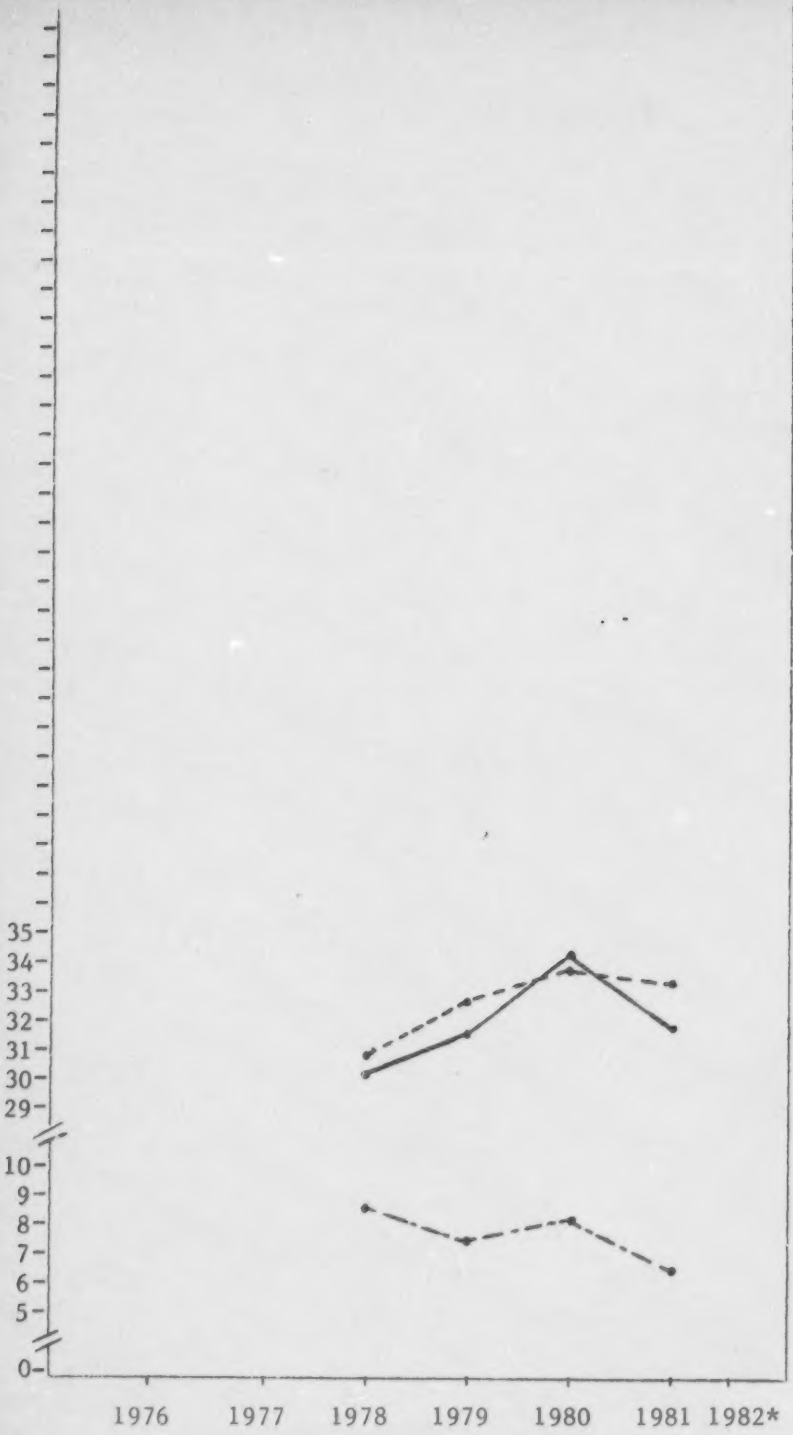
The Court of General Sessions is served by 31 Circuit Court Judges who sit during terms of court scheduled by the Chief Justice. The judges rotate among the 16 judicial circuits which include all 46 counties in South Carolina. When judges are not presiding over General Sessions they are used in the Court of Common Pleas discussed earlier.

General Court Statistics for Previous Years

Year	Indictments Pending 1st of Year	Filed During Year	Disposed During Year	Indictments Pending End of Year
1978	9,232	30,308	30,868	8,672
1979	8,639	31,746	32,757	7,628
1980	7,790	34,147	33,722	8,215
1981	8,091	31,930	33,421	6,600

Generally speaking, there has been an increase in the number of indictments filed over the past four years. Using 1978 as the base year, the rate of filings increased by 1,622 or 5% during 1981. This was followed by an 8% increase in dispositions. The number of indictments pending at the end of 1981 remained lower than the 1978 figure despite the increase in filings.

The peak in terms of new filings for the last four years was 1980. In 1981 we have seen a reduction in filings down to what was experienced in 1979. The caseload will be closely monitored in 1982 and 1983 to see if filings are beginning to stabilize.



COURT: General Sessions

Year	Filed During Period	Disposed of During Period	Pending at end of Period
1976			
1977			
1978	30,308	30,868	8672
1979	31,746	32,757	7628
1980	34,147	33,722	8215
1981	31,930	33,421	6600

Disposed of during period: - - - - -

Filed during period: ————————

Pending at end of period: - — - — -

INDICTMENT WORKLOAD REPORT*
JANUARY 1, 1981, TO DECEMBER 31, 1981

County/Circuit	Pending Indictments December 31, 1981	Indictments Filed During 1981	Indictments Disposed During 1981
Calhoun	38	103	84
Dorchester	170	415	345
Orangeburg	287	708	782
1st CIRCUIT	495	1,226	1,211
Aiken	163	622	637
Bamberg	40	176	152
Barnwell	18	142	135
2nd CIRCUIT	221	940	924
Clarendon	72	266	325
Lee	46	159	152
Sumter	394	884	759
Williamsburg	59	164	213
3rd CIRCUIT	571	1,473	1,449
Chesterfield	153	411	485
Darlington	153	654	757
Dillon	298	325	308
Marlboro	224	533	570
4th CIRCUIT	828	1,923	2,120
Kershaw	3	283	375
Richland	681	2,425	2,739
5th CIRCUIT	684	2,708	3,114
Chester	181	497	488
Fairfield	129	283	303
Lancaster	324	650	672
6th CIRCUIT	634	1,430	1,463
Cherokee	165	650	644
Spartanburg	497	2,875	3,282
7th CIRCUIT	662	3,525	3,926
Abbeville	29	212	202
Greenwood	120	826	724
Laurens	83	750	683
Newberry	39	467	456
8th CIRCUIT	271	2,255	2,065
Berkeley	120	474	545
Charleston	406	1,598	1,697
9th CIRCUIT	526	2,072	2,242

INDICTMENT WORKLOAD REPORT*
JANUARY 1, 1981, TO DECEMBER 31, 1981

County/Circuit	Pending Indictments December 31, 1981	Indictments Filed During 1981	Indictments Disposed During 1981
Anderson	261	1,293	1,145
Oconee	111	464	362
10th CIRCUIT	372	1,757	1,507
Edgefield	12	293	295
Lexington	242	1,184	1,127
McCormick	2	104	110
Saluda	0	199	220
11th CIRCUIT	256	1,780	1,752
Florence	53	848	893
Marion	17	297	300
12th CIRCUIT	70	1,145	1,193
Greenville	532	3,091	3,143
Pickens	59	864	873
13th CIRCUIT	591	3,955	4,016
Allendale	8	126	156
Beaufort	78	607	852
Colleton	32	314	385
Hampton	8	143	195
Jasper	21	152	201
14th CIRCUIT	147	1,342	1,789
Georgetown	72	392	382
Horry	70	1,299	1,521
15th CIRCUIT	142	1,691	1,903
Union	55	678	657
York	75	2,029	2,090
16th CIRCUIT	130	2,707	2,747
STATEWIDE TOTALS	6,600	31,930	33,421

*Source--Attorney General
Criminal Docket Report
ATCDC 040.120

INDICTMENT DISPOSITIONS

During 1981 a total of 33,421 indictments were disposed. Convictions accounted for 25,129 or 75% of the dispositions. The solicitors sought 299 more convictions during trials but these resulted in a verdict of not guilty. The remaining 7,993 indictments were ended by administrative actions such as dismissals or transfers to other courts.

The attached report shows, by county and circuit, the number of indictments disposed and the means of disposition.

Period of Data 01/01/81 - 12/31/81

From AGCDR 120.1

NUMBER OF INDICTMENTS DISPOSED BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION

1st County/Circuit	Total Disposed Indictments	Guilty at Trial	Guilty Plea Whole Chg.	Guilty Plea Other Chg.	Total Convictions	Not Guilty At Trial	Nol-Prossed	Judicial Dismissal	Total Non-Convictions	Trans-ferred	Bond Estreated	Total Other Disp.
CALHOUN	84	6	57	0	63	0	11	5	16	5	0	5
DORCHESTER	345	16	205	0	221	3	47	33	83	36	5	41
ORANGEBURG	782	20	457	0	477	6	103	184	293	12	0	12
CIRCUIT TOTAL	1,211	42	719	0	761	9	161	222	392	53	5	58

Period of Data 01/01/81 - 12/31/81

From AGCDR 120.1

NUMBER OF INDICTMENTS DISPOSED BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION

2nd County/Circuit	Total Disposed Indictments	Guilty at Trial	Guilty Plea Whole Chg.	Guilty Plea Other Chg.	Total Convictions	Not Guilty At Trial	Nol-Prossed	Judicial Dismissal	Total Non-Convictions	Trans-ferred	Bond Estreated	Total Other Disp.
AIKEN	637	24	466	2	492	13	98	26	137	8	0	8
BAMBERG	152	12	117	0	129	4	11	3	18	5	0	5
BARNWELL	135	0	104	0	104	0	26	4	30	1	0	1
CIRCUIT TOTAL	924	36	687	2	725	17	135	33	185	14	0	14

Period of Data 01/01/81 - 12/31/81

From AGCDR 120.1

NUMBER OF INDICTMENTS DISPOSED BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION

3rd County/Circuit	Total Disposed Indictments	Guilty at Trial	Guilty Plea Whole Chg.	Guilty Plea Other Chg.	Total Convictions	Not Guilty At Trial	Nol-Prossed	Judicial Dismissal	Total Non-Convictions	Trans-ferred	Bond Estreated	Total Other Disp.
CLARENDON	325	15	200	0	215	3	21	74	98	10	2	12
LEE	152	10	126	0	136	4	2	3	9	7	0	7
SUMTER	759	20	601	0	621	5	42	75	122	15	1	16
WILLIAMSBURG	213	5	109	0	114	1	12	77	90	9	0	9
CIRCUIT TOTAL	1,449	50	1,036	0	1,086	13	77	229	319	41	3	44

Period of Data 01/01/81 - 12/31/81

From AGCDR 120.1

NUMBER OF INDICTMENTS DISPOSED BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION

4th County/Circuit	Total Disposed Indictments	Guilty at Trial	Guilty Plea Whole Chg.	Guilty Plea Other Chg.	Total Convictions	Not Guilty At Trial	Nol-Prossed	Judicial Dismissal	Total Non-Convictions	Trans-ferred	Bond Estreated	Total Other Disp.
CHESTERFIELD	485	19	342	0	361	6	64	41	111	13	0	13
DARLINGTON	757	26	440	0	466	10	222	10	242	49	0	49
DILLON	308	20	210	0	230	9	46	2	57	21	0	21
MARLBORO	570	23	380	0	403	12	129	11	152	15	0	15
CIRCUIT TOTAL	2,120	88	1,372	0	1,460	37	461	64	562	98	0	98

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NUMBER OF INDICTMENTS DISPOSED BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION

5th County/Circuit	Total Disposed Indictments	Guilty at Trial	Guilty Plea Whole Chg.	Guilty Plea Other Chg.	Total Convictions	Not Guilty At Trial	Nol-Prossed	Judicial Dismissal	Total Non-Convictions	Trans-ferred	Bond Estreated	Total Other Disp.
KERSHAW	375	15	236	0	251	1	3	100	1-4	20	0	20
RICHLAND	2,739	96	2,357	1	2,454	33	9	243	285	0	0	0
CIRCUIT TOTAL	3,114	111	2,593	1	2,705	34	12	343	389	20	0	20

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NUMBER OF INDICTMENTS DISPOSED BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION

6th County/Circuit	Total Disposed Indictments	Guilty at Trial	Guilty Plea Whole Chg.	Guilty Plea Other Chg.	Total Convictions	Not Guilty At Trial	Nol-Prossed	Judicial Dismissal	Total Non-Convictions	Trans-ferred	Bond Estreated	Total Other Disp.
CHESTER	488	23	323	1	347	8	86	19	112	29	0	29
FAIRFIELD	303	18	171	0	189	2	45	49	96	18	0	18
LANCASTER	672	26	344	0	370	10	229	33	272	30	0	30
CIRCUIT TOTAL	1,463	67	838	1	906	20	360	100	480	77	0	77

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NUMBER OF INDICTMENTS DISPOSED BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION

7th County/Circuit	Total Disposed Indictments	Guilty at Trial	Guilty Plea Whole Chg.	Guilty Plea Other Chg.	Total Convictions	Not Guilty At Trial	Nol-Prossed	Judicial Dismissal	Total Non-Convictions	Trans-ferred	Bond Estreated	Total Other Disp.
CHEROKEE	644	18	416	0	434	3	198	2	203	7	0	7
SPARTANBURG	3,282	36	2,052	0	2,088	19	,002	172	1,193	1	0	1
CIRCUIT TOTAL	3,926	54	2,468	0	2,522	22	,200	174	1,396	8	0	8

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NUMBER OF INDICTMENTS DISPOSED BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION

8th County/Circuit	Total Disposed Indictments	Guilty at Trial	Guilty Plea Whole Chg.	Guilty Plea Other Chg.	Total Convictions	Not Guilty At Trial	Nol-Prossed	Judicial Dismissal	Total Non-Convictions	Trans-ferred	Bond Estreated	Total Other Disp.
ABBEVILLE	202	9	132	0	141	0	56	1	57	4	0	4
GREENWOOD	724	16	581	0	597	0	98	12	110	17	0	17
LAURENS	683	12	556	1	569	0	83	7	90	24	0	24
NEWBERRY	456	11	327	0	338	0	82	3	85	33	0	33
CIRCUIT TOTAL	2,065	48	1,596	1	1,645	0	319	23	342	78	0	78

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NUMBER OF INDICTMENTS DISPOSED BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION

9th County/Circuit	Total Disposed Indictments	Guilty at Trial	Guilty Plea Whole Chg.	Guilty Plea Other Chg.	Total Convictions	Not Guilty At Trial	Nol-Prossed	Judicial Dismissal	Total Non-Convictions	Trans-ferred	Bond Estreated	Total Other Disp.
BERKELEY	545	11	356	0	367	3	16	152	171	7	0	7
CHARLESTON	1,697	33	1,346	1	1,380	5	235	77	217	0	0	0
CIRCUIT TOTAL	2,242	44	1,702	1	1,747	8	251	229	488	7	0	7

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NUMBER OF INDICTMENTS DISPOSED BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION

10th County/Circuit	Total Disposed Indictments	Guilty at Trial	Guilty Plea Whole Chg.	Guilty Plea Other Chg.	Total Convictions	Not Guilty At Trial	Nol-Prossed	Judicial Dismissal	Total Non-Convictions	Trans-ferred	Bond Estreated	Total Other Disp.
ANDERSON	1,145	21	,016	0	1,037	3	43	61	107	1	0	1
OCONEE	362	5	305	0	310	2	23	27	52	0	0	0
CIRCUIT TOTAL	1,507	26	,321	0	1,347	5	66	88	159	1	0	1

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NUMBER OF INDICTMENTS DISPOSED BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION

11th County/Circuit	Total Disposed Indictments	Guilty at Trial	Guilty Plea Whole Chg.	Plea Other Chg.	Total Convictions	Not Guilty At Trial	Nol-Prossed	Judicial Dismissal	Total Non-Convictions	Trans-ferred	Bond Estreated	Total Other Disp.
EDGEFIELD	295	9	187	0	196	2	19	41	62	37	0	37
LEXINGTON	1,127	27	846	0	873	5	44	90	239	15	0	15
MCCORMICK	110	2	86	0	88	0	5	10	15	7	0	7
SALUDA	220	10	140	0	150	6	21	31	58	12	0	12
CIRCUIT TOTAL	1,752	18	,259	0	1,307	13	89	172	374	71	0	71

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NUMBER OF INDICTMENTS DISPOSED BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION

12th County/Circuit	Total Disposed Indictments	Guilty at Trial	Guilty Plea Whole Chg.	Guilty Plea Other Chg.	Total Convictions	Not Guilty At Trial	Nol-Prossed	Judicial Dismissal	Total Non-Convictions	Trans-ferred	Bond Estreated	Total Other Disp.
FLORENCE	893	50	733	0	783	12	42	4	58	52	0	52
MARION	300	33	217	0	250	7	17	13	37	13	0	13
CIRCUIT TOTAL	1,193	83	950	0	1,033	19	59	17	95	65	0	65

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NUMBER OF INDICTMENTS DISPOSED BY TYPE OF DISPOSITIONS

13th County/Circuit	Total Disposed Indictments	Guilty at Trial	Guilty Plea Whole Chg.	Guilty Plea Other Chg.	Total Convictions	Not Guilty At Trial	Nol-Prossed	Judicial Dismissal	Total Non-Convictions	Trans-ferred	Bond Estreated	Total Other Disp.
GREENVILLE	3,143	103	2,877	0	2,980	18	1	144	163	0	0	0
PICKENS	873	25	764	0	789	3	5	64	72	12	0	12
CIRCUIT TOTAL	4,016	128	3,641	0	3,769	21	6	208	235	12	0	12

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NUMBER OF INDICTMENTS DISPOSED BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION

14th County/Circuit	Total Disposed Indictments	Guilty at Trial	Guilty Plea Whole Chg.	Guilty Plea Other Chg.	Total Convictions	Not Guilty At Trial	Nol-Prossed	Judicial Dismissal	Total Non-Convictions	Trans-ferred	Bond Estreated	Total Other Disp.
ALLENDALE	156	1	92	0	93	1	12	50	63	0	0	0
BEAUFORT	852	22	333	0	355	7	67	302	376	121	0	121
COLLETON	385	7	198	0	205	3	49	72	124	56	0	56
HAMPTON	195	2	105	0	107	0	2	73	75	13	0	13
JASPER	201	6	95	0	101	3	22	61	86	13	1	14
CIRCUIT TOTAL	1,789	38	823	0	861	14	152	558	724	203	1	204

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NUMBER OF INDICTMENTS DISPOSED BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION

15th County/Circuit	Total Disposed Indictments	Guilty at Trial	Guilty Plea Whole Chg.	Guilty Plea Other Chg.	Total Convictions	Not Guilty At Trial	Nol-Prossed	Judicial Dismissal	Total Non-Convictions	Trans-ferred	Bond Estreated	Total Other Disp.
GEORGETOWN	382	17	245	0	262	10	60	26	96	24	0	24
HORRY	1,521	62	887	0	949	22	381	166	569	3	0	3
CIRCUIT TOTAL	1,903	79	1,132	0	1,211	32	441	192	665	27	0	27

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NUMBER OF INDICTMENTS DISPOSED BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION

16th County/Circuit	Total Disposed Indictments	Guilty at Trial	Guilty Plea Whole Chg.	Guilty Plea Other Chg.	Total Convictions	Not Guilty At Trial	Nol-Prossed	Judicial Dismissal	Total Non-Convictions	Trans-ferred	Bond Estreated	Total Other Disp.
UNION	657	18	497	0	515	3	74	46	123	19	0	19
YORK	2,090	110	1,419	0	1,529	32	399	60	491	70	0	70
CIRCUIT TOTAL	2,747	128	1,916	0	2,044	35	473	106	614	89	0	89

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NUMBER OF INDICTMENTS DISPOSED BY TYPE OF DISPOSITION

STATE TOTALS	Total Disposed Indictments	Guilty at Trial	Guilty Plea Whole Chg.	Guilty Plea Other Chg.	Total Convictions	Not Guilty At Trial	Nol-Prossed	Judicial Dismissal	Total Non-Convictions	Trans-ferred	Bond Estreated	Total Other Disp.
STATE	33,421	1,070	24,053	6	25,129	299	4,362	2,758	7,419	864	9	873

AGE OF PENDING INDICTMENTS

The number of indictments pending is, of course, a concern when the numbers are large and show a growing trend. But of equal or more importance is the age of these pending indictments. An analysis of all 1978 indictments by the Governor's Office of Public Safety showed that less than 1 out of 14 indictments will have a successful disposition on any part of the indictment after being docketed over twelve months. The chance of a successful disposition drops to less than 4 out of 100 when the indictment has been docketed for more than 18 months. The key phrase here is "successful disposition on any part." An indictment in South Carolina can have multiple defendants with multiple charges and multiple counts of each charge. If any part of the indictment received a conviction, the indictment was counted as successful. At the end of 1981, there were 597 indictments between 13 and 18 months old, and 1,871 over 18 months old.

Three categories have been used to illustrate pending indictments, these are: Active; M-T=Mistrial; C-D=Contingent Docket.

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1st County/Circuit	PENDING INDICTMENTS				AGE OF PENDING INDICTMENTS																	
					0-3 Months			4-6 Months			7-12 Months			0-12 Months			13-18 Months			Over 18 Months		
	Tot.	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-
CALHOUN	38	32	0	6	0	0	0	19	0	0	9	0	0	28	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	6
DORCHESTER	170	130	1	39	60	0	0	0	0	0	56	1	2	116	1	2	11	0	3	3	0	34
ORANGEBURG	287	208	0	79	76	0	0	87	0	0	27	0	14	190	0	14	8	0	24	10	0	41
CIRCUIT TOTAL	495	370	1	124	136	0	0	106	0	0	92	1	16	334	1	16	21	0	27	15	0	81

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2nd County/Circuit	PENDING INDICTMENTS Tot.	Active	M-T	C-D	AGE OF PENDING INDICTMENTS 0-3 Months Active	M-T	C-D	4-6 Months Active	M-T	C-D	7-12 Months Active	M-T	C-D	0-12 Months Active	M-T	C-D	13-18 Months Active	M-T	C-D	Over 18 Months Active	M-T	C-D
AIKEN	163	121	1	41	68	0	1	31	0	3	19	1	16	118	1	20	3	0	17	0	0	4
BAMBERG	40	24	0	16	17	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	13	23	0	13	1	0	1	0	0	2
BARNWELL	18	16	0	2	3	0	0	7	0	1	4	0	0	14	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
CIRCUIT TOTAL	221	161	1	59	88	0	1	38	0	4	29	1	29	155	1	34	5	0	18	1	0	7

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3rd County/Circuit	PENDING INDICTMENTS Tot.	Active	M-T	C-D	AGE OF PENDING INDICTMENTS 0-3 Months Active	M-T	C-D	4-6 Months Active	M-T	C-D	7-12 Months Active	M-T	C-D	0-12 Months Active	M-T	C-D	13-18 Months Active	M-T	C-D	Over 18 Months Active	M-T	C-D
CLARENDON	72	38	1	33	23	1	0	13	0	3	2	0	1	38	1	4	0	0	5	0	0	24
LEE	46	33	2	11	27	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	30	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	10
SUMTER	394	276	0	118	89	0	1	84	0	12	72	0	10	245	0	23	11	0	28	20	0	67
WILLIAMSBURG	59	46	0	13	34	0	0	9	0	3	2	0	1	45	0	4	1	0	4	0	0	5
CIRCUIT TOTAL	571	393	3	175	173	2	1	106	0	18	79	0	12	358	2	31	14	0	38	21	0	106

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4th County/Circuit	PENDING INDICTMENTS				AGE OF PENDING INDICTMENTS																	
					0-3 Months			4-6 Months			7-12 Months			0-12 Months			13-18 Months			Over 18 Months		
	Tot.	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D
CHESTERFIELD	153	26	0	127	12	0	1	1	0	2	6	0	15	19	0	18	2	0	7	5	0	102
DARLINGTON	153	128	0	25	0	0	0	69	0	2	29	0	0	98	0	2	21	0	11	9	0	12
DILLON	298	159	4	135	0	0	0	27	0	7	55	0	15	82	0	22	35	0	0	42	4	113
MARLBORO	224	86	2	136	33	0	0	25	0	0	20	0	4	78	0	4	4	0	9	4	2	123
CIRCUIT TOTAL	828	399	6	423	45	0	1	122	0	11	110	0	34	277	0	46	62	0	27	60	6	350

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NUMBER AND AGE OF PENDING INDICTMENTS

5th County/Circuit	PENDING INDICTMENTS Tot.	Active	M-T	C-D	AGE OF PENDING INDICTMENTS 0-3 Months Active	M-T	C-D	4-6 Months Active	M-T	C-D	7-12 Months Active	M-T	C-D	0-12 Months Active	M-T	C-D	13-18 Months Active	M-T	C-D	Over 18 Months Active	M-T	C-D
KERSHAW	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RICHLAND	681	162	5	514	91	0	17	41	0	30	26	0	58	158	0	105	1	0	103	3	5	306
CIRCUIT TOTAL	684	165	5	514	91	0	17	44	0	30	26	0	58	161	0	105	1	0	103	3	5	306

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6th County/Circuit	PENDING INDICTMENTS				AGE OF PENDING INDICTMENTS																	
					0-3 Months			4-6 Months			7-12 Months			0-12 Months			13-18 Months			Over 18 Months		
	Tot.	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D
CHESTER	181	63	0	118	14	0	0	17	0	2	27	0	17	58	0	19	3	0	16	2	0	83
FAIRFIELD	129	37	2	90	11	2	0	17	0	4	1	0	2	29	2	6	5	0	7	3	0	77
LANCASTER	324	96	0	228	42	0	64	31	0	1	18	0	20	91	0	85	4	0	34	1	0	109
CIRCUIT TOTAL	634	196	2	436	67	2	64	65	0	7	46	0	39	178	2	110	12	0	57	6	0	269

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NUMBER AND AGE OF PENDING INDICTMENTS

7TH	PENDING INDICTMENTS				AGE OF PENDING INDICTMENTS																	
					0-3 Months			4-6 Months			7-12 Months			0-12 Months			13-18 Months			Over 18 Months		
County/Circuit	Tot.	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D
CHEROKEE	165	144	0	21	67	0	0	54	0	3	22	0	2	143	0	5	1	0	10	0	0	6
SPARTANBURG	497	474	1	22	208	0	0	76	0	0	158	1	6	442	1	6	29	0	9	3	0	7
CIRCUIT TOTAL	662	618	1	43	275	0	0	130	0	3	180	1	8	585	1	11	30	0	19	3	0	13

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8th County/Circuit	PENDING INDICTMENTS				AGE OF PENDING INDICTMENTS																	
					0-3 Months			4-6 Months			7-12 Months			0-12 Months			13-18 Months			Over 18 Months		
	Tot.	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D
ABBEVILLE	29	5	0	24	1	0	3	1	0	5	3	0	15	5	0	23	0	0	1	0	0	0
GREENWOOD	120	51	0	69	37	0	22	5	0	30	9	0	17	51	0	69	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAURENS	83	10	0	73	9	0	35	0	0	11	1	0	26	10	0	72	0	0	1	0	0	0
NEWBERRY	39	8	0	31	7	0	10	0	0	5	1	0	14	8	0	29	0	0	1	0	0	1
CIRCUIT TOTAL	271	74	0	197	54	0	70	6	0	51	14	0	72	74	0	193	0	0	3	0	0	1

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9th County/Circuit	PENDING INDICTMENTS				AGE OF PENDING INDICTMENTS																	
	Tot.	Active	M-T	C-D	0-3 Months Active	M-T	C-D	4-6 Months Active	M-T	C-D	7-12 Months Active	M-T	C-D	0-12 Months Active	M-T	C-D	13-18 Months Active	M-T	C-D	Over 18 Months Active	M-T	C-D
BERKELEY	120	54	0	66	17	0	0	27	0	4	8	0	19	52	0	23	2	0	10	0	0	33
CHARLESTON	406	160	1	245	97	1	0	39	0	30	23	0	32	159	1	62	1	0	36	0	0	147
CIRCUIT TOTAL	526	214	1	311	114	1	0	66	0	34	31	0	51	211	1	85	3	0	46	0	0	180

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10th County/Circuit	PENDING INDICTMENTS				AGE OF PENDING INDICTMENTS																	
					0-3 Months			4-6 Months			7-12 Months			0-12 Months			13-18 Months			Over 18 Months		
	Tot.	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D
ANDERSON	261	241	0	20	66	0	0	73	0	0	76	0	5	215	0	5	14	0	4	12	0	11
OCONEE	111	109	2	0	92	1	0	7	0	0	8	1	0	107	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
CIRCUIT TOTAL	372	350	2	20	158	1	0	80	0	0	84	1	5	322	2	5	15	0	4	13	0	11

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11th County/Circuit	PENDING INDICTMENTS Tot.	Active	M-T	C-D	AGE OF PENDING INDICTMENTS 0-3 Months Active	M-T	C-D	4-6 Months Active	M-T	C-D	7-12 Months Active	M-T	C-D	0-12 Months Active	M-T	C-D	13-18 Months Active	M-T	C-D	Over 18 Months Active	M-T	C-D
EDGEFIELD	12	9	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	8	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
LEXINGTON	242	220	0	22	108	0	0	30	0	1	73	0	3	211	0	4	8	0	8	1	0	10
MCCORMICK	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
SALUDA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CIRCUIT TOTAL	256	229	0	27	111	0	2	30	0	1	78	0	3	219	0	6	9	0	8	1	0	13

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12th County/Circuit	PENDING INDICTMENTS				AGE OF PENDING INDICTMENTS																	
	Tot.	Active	M-T	C-D	0-3 Months			4-6 Months			7-12 Months			0-12 Months			13-18 Months			Over 18 Months		
					Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D
FLORENCE	53	40	3	10	15	0	0	14	0	1	10	1	2	39	1	3	1	0	2	0	2	5
MARION	17	10	1	6	6	1	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	10	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	4
CIRCUIT TOTAL	70	50	4	16	21	1	0	18	0	2	10	1	2	49	2	4	1	0	3	0	2	9

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From AGCDR 040.1

13th County/Circuit	PENDING INDICTMENTS Tot.	Active	M-T	C-D	AGE OF PENDING INDICTMENTS 0-3 Months Active	M-T	C-D	4-6 Months Active	M-T	C-D	7-12 Months Active	M-T	C-D	0-12 Months Active	M-T	C-D	13-18 Months Active	M-T	C-D	Over 18 Months Active	M-T	C-D
GREENVILLE	532	9	0	523	5	0	65	4	0	34	0	0	43	9	0	142	0	0	45	0	0	336
PICKENS	59	3	0	56	3	0	6	0	0	14	0	0	10	3	0	30	0	0	6	0	0	20
CIRCUIT TOTAL	591	12	0	579	8	0	71	4	0	48	0	0	53	12	0	172	0	0	51	0	0	356

Pending as of: 12/31/81

NUMBER AND AGE OF PENDING INDICTMENTS

From AGCOR 040.1

14th County/Circuit	PENDING INDICTMENTS Tot.	Active	M-T	C-D	AGE OF PENDING INDICTMENTS 0-3 Months Active	M-T	C-D	4-6 Months Active	M-T	C-D	7-12 Months Active	M-T	C-D	0-12 Months Active	M-T	C-D	13-18 Months Active	M-T	C-D	Over 18 Months Active	M-T	C-D
ALLENDALE	8	7	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
BEAUFORT	78	61	0	17	24	0	10	4	0	3	12	0	4	40	0	17	6	0	0	15	0	0
COLLETON	32	29	0	3	27	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	28	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
HAMPTON	8	4	0	4	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
JASPER	21	17	0	4	2	0	0	4	0	0	3	0	0	9	0	0	8	0	2	0	0	2
CIRCUIT TOTAL	147	118	0	29	57	0	11	14	0	4	17	0	9	88	0	24	14	0	3	16	0	2

Pending as of: 12/31/81

NUMBER AND AGE OF PENDING INDICTMENTS

From AGCDR 040.1

15th County/Circuit	PENDING INDICTMENTS Tot.	Active	M-T	C-D	AGE OF PENDING INDICTMENTS 0-3 Months Active	M-T	C-D	4-6 Months Active	M-T	C-D	7-12 Months Active	M-T	C-D	0-12 Months Active	M-T	C-D	13-18 Months Active	M-T	C-D	Over 18 Months Active	M-T	C-D
GEORGETOWN	72	60	0	12	44	0	0	9	0	0	4	0	0	57	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	12
HORRY	70	70	0	0	37	0	0	11	0	0	20	0	0	68	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
CIRCUIT TOTAL	142	130	0	12	81	0	0	20	0	0	24	0	0	125	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	12

Pending as of: 12/31/81

From AGCDR 040.1

NUMBER AND AGE OF PENDING INDICTMENTS

16th County/Circuit	PENDING INDICTMENTS Tot.	Active	M-T	C-D	AGE OF PENDING INDICTMENTS 0-3 Months Active	M-T	C-D	4-6 Months Active	M-T	C-D	7-12 Months Active	M-T	C-D	0-12 Months Active	M-T	C-D	13-18 Months Active	M-T	C-D	Over 18 Months Active	M-T	C-D
UNION	55	55	0	0	32	0	0	10	0	0	13	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YORK	75	37	0	38	28	0	16	9	0	10	0	0	12	37	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0
CIRCUIT TOTAL	130	92	0	38	60	0	16	19	0	10	13	0	12	92	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0

Pending as of: 12/31/81

NUMBER AND AGE OF PENDING INDICTMENTS

From AGCDR 040.2

	PENDING INDICTMENTS				AGE OF PENDING INDICTMENTS																	
					0-3 Months			4-6 Months			7-12 Months			0-12 Months			13-18 Months			Over 18 Months		
	Tot.	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D	Active	M-T	C-D
STATE TOTALS	6,600	3,571	26	3,003	1,539	7	254	868	0	223	833	5	403	3,240	12	880	190	0	407	141	14	1,716

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Filings:

With some exceptions, civil actions involving more than $1,000 are initiated in the Court of Common Pleas. This is done by filing the case with the county Clerk of Court and subsequent entry of the case onto the pending civil docket. During the past six years, the Court of Common Pleas has experienced an increase in the number of cases filed. Cumulatively, 196,529 new civil actions were filed between 1976 and 1981. Beginning in 1976, our first data period, a total of 26,257 new cases were filed. By 1981 the number of new filings had increased to 38,465 per year, or a 46% increase. The last two years have shown signs of stabilization. However, more information is needed before determining whether the Court of Common Pleas' filing rate is leveling off or will continue to experience rapid growth.

Pending Cases:

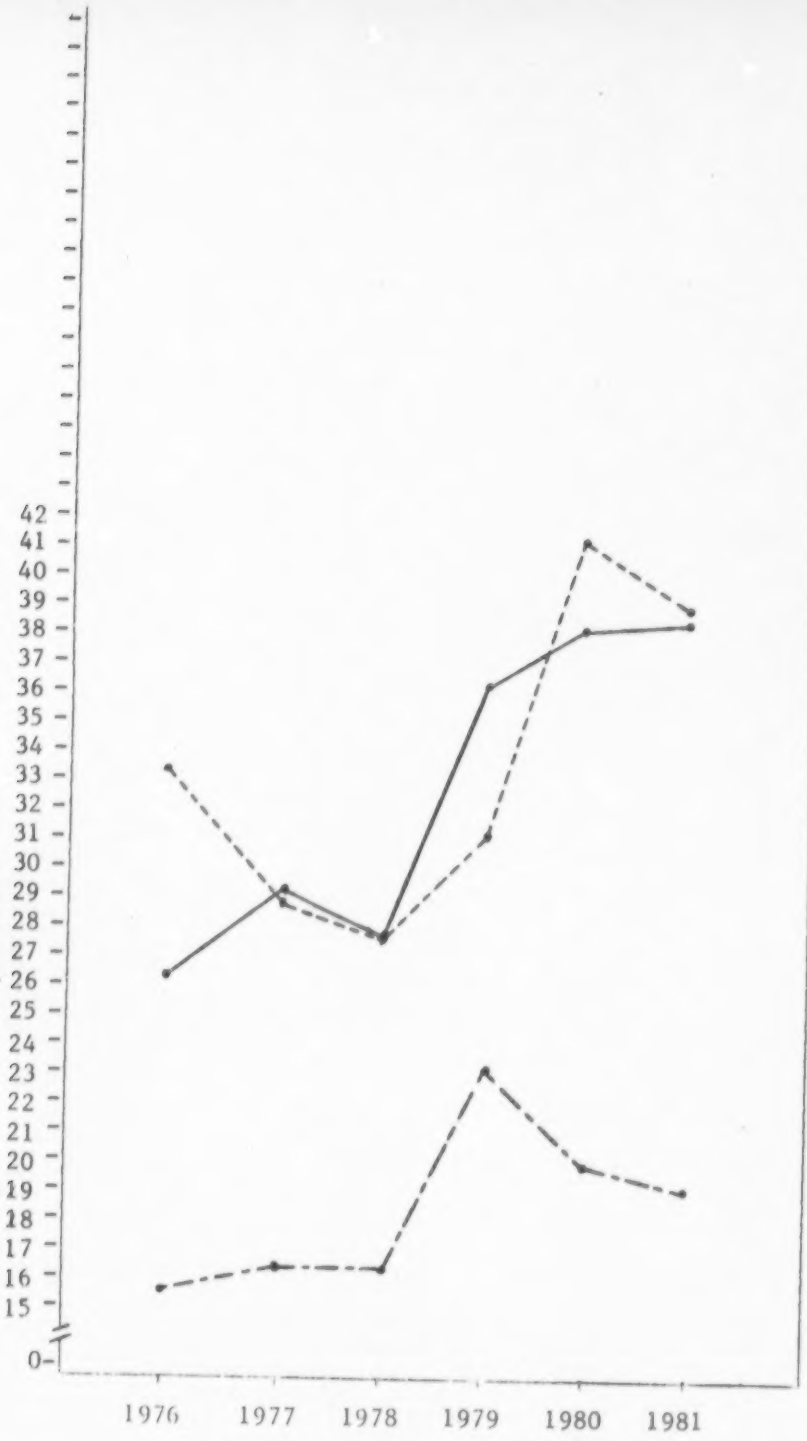
The Court of Common Pleas experienced a dramatic increase in pending cases between 1976 and 1979. During the last portion of this period, the County Court system was systematically dismantled. Attorneys began filing new cases in the Court of Common Pleas in anticipation of the County Court being disolved. At the end of 1976, there were 15,813 pending cases, but by the end of 1979 this figure reached 23,282. Between 1979 and 1981 the courts have concentrated on reducing this backlog while at the same time handling new filings.

To illustrate this trend since 1977, statewide statistics show that on July 1, 1977, only 70% of the pending civil cases were less than a year old. By the end of 1981, 87% of the pending cases were less than a year old.

Perhaps the key reason for this reduction in the age of pending civil cases is the ability of the Chief Justice, as head of the unified judicial system, to respond to rising caseloads by assigning judges to locations where they are needed most. This has been graphically demonstrated in counties with particularly high caseload congestion. In the 1980 Annual Report the following paragraph appeared referencing a backlog situation in one of our major metropolitan areas:

> *At the end of 1980, Richland County reported a pending civil caseload of 4,954 cases. This represented 25% of the total number of pending civil cases in the state. Additionally, only 56% of these cases were less than a year old. By removing the impact of Richland County from the age of pending case figures, at the end of 1980 the statewide total would show 88% less than a year old. It has only been recently that Richland County has received the new judicial facilities. Now an adequate number of court weeks and judges can be scheduled to address the problem of the Richland County backlog. During calendar year 1981, it is anticipated that Richland County will be on par with the rest of the state.*

As an update to the above, we now find that Richland County had on December 31, 1981, 2,836 pending civil cases, representing 15% of the total pending for the state. Additionally, 83% of these cases were less than a year old. This was due not only to increased terms of court, but also to a great deal of effort and cooperation on the part of the Clerk's staff, Judges and the local Bar.



COURT: Common Pleas

Year	Filed During Period	Disposed of During Period	Pending at end of Period
1976	26,257	33,239	15,813
1977	29,259	28,905	16,167
1978	27,840	27,871	16,136
1979	36,349	31,368	23,282
1980	38,359	41,330	19,690
1981	38,465	38,909	19,282

Disposed of during period: - - - - - -

Filed during period: ————————

Pending at end of period: — - — - —

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Circuit/County	Pending First of Period	Added During Period	Disposed During Period	Pending End of Period
Calhoun	38	89	74	53
Dorchester	283	722	619	386
Orangeburg	291	834	756	369
1st CIRCUIT	612	1,645	1,449	808
Aiken	294	1,224	1,219	299
Bamberg	41	145	126	60
Barnwell	83	293	243	133
2nd CIRCUIT	418	1,662	1,588	492
Clarendon	169	389	419	139
Lee	42	167	129	80
Sumter	340	786	709	417
Williamsburg	185	429	420	194
3rd CIRCUIT	736	1,771	1,677	830
Chesterfield	114	316	286	144
Darlington	274	626	586	314
Dillon	113	258	258	113
Marlboro	101	196	206	91
4th CIRCUIT	602	1,396	1,336	662
Kershaw	223	393	414	202
Richland	5,003	4,666	6,833	2,836
5th CIRCUIT	5,226	5,059	7,247	3,038
Chester	106	270	279	97
Fairfield	77	176	182	71
Lancaster	106	397	409	94
6th CIRCUIT	289	843	870	262
Cherokee	151	372	318	205
Spartanburg	1,128	2,143	1,966	1,305
7th CIRCUIT	1,279	2,515	2,284	1,510
Abbeville	61	175	172	64
Greenwood	225	775	678	322
Laurens	154	533	560	127
Newberry	100	248	219	129
8th CIRCUIT	540	1,731	1,629	642
Berkeley	306	681	717	270
Charleston	2,128	3,427	3,522	2,033
9th CIRCUIT	2,434	4,108	4,239	2,303

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Circuit/County	Pending First of Period	Added During Period	Disposed During Period	Pending End of Period
Anderson	770	1,379	1,270	879
Oconee	165	430	437	158
10th CIRCUIT	935	1,809	1,707	1,037
Edgefield	52	235	202	85
Lexington	1,051	2,379	2,149	1,281
McCormick	39	144	116	67
Saluda	80	193	182	91
11th CIRCUIT	1,222	2,951	2,649	1,524
Florence	579	1,589	1,479	689
Marion	130	344	300	174
12th CIRCUIT	709	1,933	1,779	863
Greenville	1,454	4,031	3,413	2,072
Pickens	172	507	460	219
13th CIRCUIT	1,626	4,538	3,873	2,291
Allendale	33	102	92	43
Beaufort	443	1,285	1,033	695
Colleton	136	462	431	167
Hampton	62	327	266	123
Jasper	50	296	228	118
14th CIRCUIT	724	2,472	2,050	1,146
Georgetown	216	520	538	198
Horry	1,332	2,211	2,660	883
15th CIRCUIT	1,548	2,731	3,198	1,081
Union	97	174	182	89
York	729	1,127	1,152	704
16th CIRCUIT	826	1,301	1,334	793
STATEWIDE TOTALS	19,726	38,465	38,909	19,282

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AGE OF PENDING COMMON PLEAS CASES
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Circuit/County	Total Pending	0-3 Months	4-6 Months	7-9 Months	10-12 Months	Total 12 Months Or Less	13-18 Months	Over 18 Months
	#	# %	# %	# %	# %	# %	# %	# %
Calhoun	53	17/32%	8/15%	9/17%	10/19%	44/83%	5/ 9%	4/ 8%
Dorchester	386	139/36%	89/23%	77/20%	34/ 9%	339/88%	31/ 8%	16/ 4%
Orangeburg	369	126/34%	87/24%	62/17%	44/12%	319/86%	35/ 9%	15/ 4%
1st CIRCUIT	808	282/35%	184/23%	148/18%	88/11%	702/87%	71/ 9%	35/ 4%
Aiken	299	177/59%	65/22%	44/15%	12/ 4%	298/100%	1/ 0%	0/ 0%
Bamberg	60	33/55%	18/30%	6/10%	0/ 0%	57/95%	3/ 5%	0/ 0%
Barnwell	133	62/47%	15/11%	13/10%	11/ 8%	101/76%	13/10%	19/14%
2nd CIRCUIT	492	272/55%	98/20%	63/13%	23/ 5%	456/93%	17/ 3%	19/ 4%
Clarendon	139	72/52%	28/20%	16/12%	9/ 6%	125/90%	5/ 4%	9/ 6%
Lee	80	37/46%	24/30%	8/10%	2/ 3%	71/89%	2/ 3%	7/ 9%
Sumter	417	155/37%	127/30%	60/14%	30/ 7%	372/89%	26/ 6%	19/ 5%
Williamsburg	194	73/38%	56/29%	27/14%	13/ 7%	169/87%	17/ 9%	8/ 4%
3rd CIRCUIT	830	337/41%	235/28%	111/13%	54/ 7%	737/89%	50/ 6%	43/ 5%
Chesterfield	144	73/51%	37/26%	14/10%	9/ 6%	133/92%	4/ 3%	7/ 5%
Darlington	314	123/39%	82/26%	61/19%	12/ 4%	278/89%	17/ 5%	19/ 6%
Dillon	113	59/52%	36/32%	12/11%	3/ 3%	110/97%	3/ 3%	0/ 0%
Marlboro	91	40/44%	19/21%	12/13%	10/11%	81/89%	6/ 7%	4/ 4%
4th CIRCUIT	662	295/45%	174/26%	99/15%	34/ 5%	602/91%	30/ 5%	30/ 5%
Kershaw	202	88/44%	38/19%	26/13%	22/11%	174/86%	18/ 9%	10/ 5%
Richland	2,836	904/32%	632/22%	503/18%	328/12%	2,367/83%	325/11%	144/ 5%
5th CIRCUIT	3,038	992/33%	670/22%	529/17%	350/12%	2,541/84%	343/11%	154/ 5%
Chester	97	47/48%	26/27%	11/11%	7/ 7%	91/94%	5/ 5%	1/ 1%
Fairfield	71	38/54%	17/24%	6/ 8%	5/ 7%	66/93%	1/ 1%	4/ 6%
Lancaster	94	40/43%	27/29%	14/15%	8/ 9%	89/95%	3/ 3%	2/ 2%
6th CIRCUIT	262	125/48%	70/27%	31/12%	20/ 8%	246/94%	9/ 3%	7/ 3%

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AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1981

Circuit/County	Total Pending	0-3 Months	4-6 Months	7-9 Months	10-12 Months	Total 12 Months Or Less	13-18 Months	Over 18 Months
	#	# %	# %	# %	# %	# %	# %	# %
Cherokee	205	89/43%	45/22%	36/18%	13/ 6%	183/89%	14/ 7%	8/ 4%
Spartanburg	1,305	396/30%	290/22%	200/15%	189/14%	1,075/82%	177/14%	53/ 4%
7th CIRCUIT	1,510	485/32%	335/22%	236/16%	202/13%	1,258/83%	191/13%	61/ 4%
Abbeville	64	36/56%	19/30%	2/ 3%	3/ 5%	60/94%	3/ 5%	1/ 2%
Greenwood	322	180/56%	51/16%	28/ 9%	44/14%	303/94%	12/ 4%	7/ 2%
Laurens	127	77/61%	26/20%	12/ 9%	2/ 2%	117/92%	4/ 3%	6/ 5%
Newberry	129	62/48%	28/22%	16/12%	11/ 9%	117/91%	7/ 5%	5/ 4%
8th CIRCUIT	642	355/55%	124/19%	58/ 9%	60/ 9%	597/93%	26/ 4%	19/ 3%
Berkeley	270	113/42%	66/24%	39/14%	35/13%	253/94%	12/ 4%	5/ 2%
Charleston	2,033	613/30%	510/25%	367/18%	238/12%	1,728/85%	159/ 8%	146/ 7%
9th CIRCUIT	2,303	726/32%	576/25%	406/18%	273/12%	1,981/86%	171/ 7%	151/ 7%
Anderson	879	276/31%	179/20%	151/17%	114/13%	720/82%	130/15%	29/ 3%
Oconee	158	82/52%	24/15%	20/13%	20/13%	146/92%	7/ 4%	5/ 3%
10th CIRCUIT	1,037	358/35%	203/20%	171/16%	134/13%	866/84%	137/13%	34/ 3%
Edgefield	85	45/53%	18/21%	10/12%	6/ 7%	79/93%	4/ 5%	2/ 2%
Lexington	1,281	397/31%	261/20%	218/17%	194/15%	1,070/84%	173/14%	38/ 3%
McCormick	67	34/51%	17/25%	8/12%	4/ 6%	63/94%	1/ 1%	3/ 4%
Saluda	91	48/53%	27/30%	12/13%	3/ 3%	90/99%	0/ 0%	1/ 1%
11th CIRCUIT	1,524	524/34%	323/21%	248/16%	207/14%	1,302/85%	178/12%	44/ 3%
Florence	689	331/48%	194/28%	83/12%	33/ 5%	641/93%	37/ 5%	11/ 2%
Marion	174	56/32%	44/25%	26/15%	12/ 7%	138/79%	19/11%	17/10%
12th CIRCUIT	863	387/45%	238/28%	109/13%	45/ 5%	779/90%	56/ 6%	28/ 3%
Greenville	2,072	841/41%	458/22%	336/16%	276/13%	1,911/92%	147/ 7%	14/ 1%
Pickens	219	107/49%	60/27%	33/15%	9/ 4%	209/95%	8/ 4%	2/ 1%
13th CIRCUIT	2,291	948/41%	518/23%	369/16%	285/12%	2,120/93%	155/ 7%	16/ 1%

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Circuit/County	Total Pending	0-3 Months	4-6 Months	7-9 Months	10-12 Months	Total 12 Months Or Less	13-18 Months	Over 18 Months
	#	# %	# %	# %	# %	# %	# %	# %
Allendale	43	21/49%	13/30%	4/ 9%	2/ 5%	40/93%	3/ 7%	0/ 0%
Beaufort	695	294/42%	180/26%	85/12%	66/ 9%	625/90%	57/ 8%	13/ 2%
Colleton	167	70/42%	48/29%	13/ 8%	10/ 6%	141/84%	21/13%	5/ 3%
Hampton	123	72/59%	16/13%	19/15%	8/ 7%	115/93%	6/ 5%	2/ 2%
Jasper	118	36/31%	39/33%	23/19%	14/12%	112/95%	5/ 4%	1/ 1%
14th CIRCUIT	1,146	493/43%	296/26%	144/13%	100/ 9%	1,033/90%	92/ 8%	21/ 2%
Georgetown	198	119/60%	34/17%	17/ 9%	19/10%	189/95%	7/ 4%	2/ 1%
Horry	883	439/50%	185/21%	123/14%	94/11%	841/95%	29/ 3%	13/ 1%
15th CIRCUIT	1,081	558/52%	219/20%	140/13%	113/10%	1,030/95%	36/ 3%	15/ 1%
Union	89	38/43%	26/29%	5/ 6%	8/ 9%	77/87%	4/ 4%	8/ 9%
York	704	218/31%	120/17%	78/11%	78/11%	494/70%	149/21%	61/ 9%
16th CIRCUIT	793	256/32%	146/18%	83/10%	86/11%	571/72%	153/19%	69/ 9%
STATEWIDE TOTALS	19,282	7,393/38%	4,409/23%	2,945/15%	2,074/11%	16,821/87%	1,715/ 9%	746/ 4%

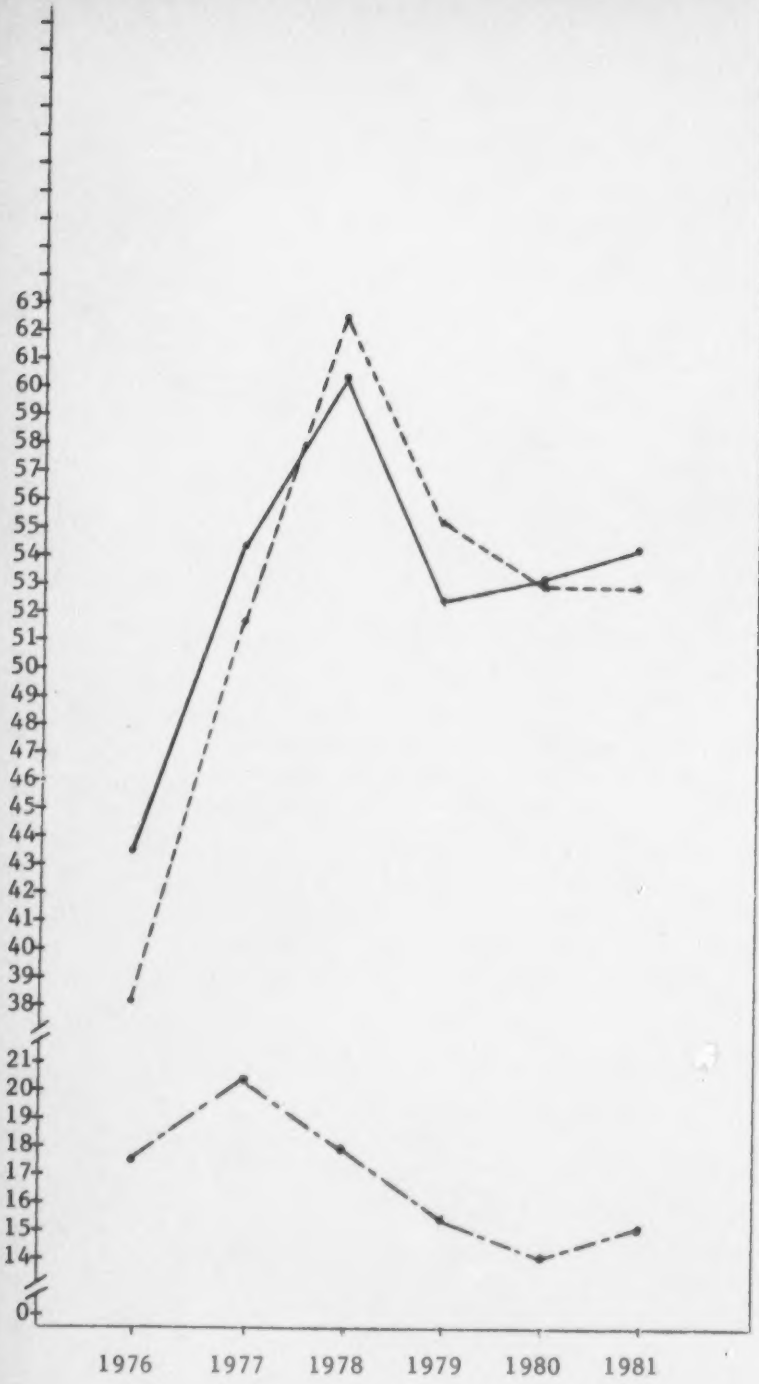
FAMILY COURT

The unified family court system, created by Act 690 of the 1976 Acts and Joint Resolutions, began operation on a statewide basis on July 1, 1977. The family courts were given exclusive jurisdiction over minors under the age of seventeen who committed criminal or quasi-criminal acts. Additionally, the courts have exclusive jurisdiction over all matters involving domestic or family relationships. These matters include cases concerning marriage, divorce, legal separation, custody, visitation rights, termination of parental rights, support, alimony and change of name.

There are forty-six family court judges who rotate among the sixteen judicial circuits as assigned by the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court. Since the implementation of the unified family court system, substantial progress has been made in reducing the number of cases awaiting disposition and the age of pending cases.

The following is a brief statistical report on the past activity and the current status of the family court dockets.

Year	Pending 1st of Year	Filed During Year	Disposed During Year	Pending End of Year
1976	11,988	43,592	38,078	17,502
1977	17,502	54,272	51,553	20,221
1978	20,221	60,364	62,586	17,999
1979	17,999	52,635	55,259	15,375
1980	14,416	53,184	53,138	14,462
1981	14,118	54,240	53,032	15,326



COURT: Family Court

Year	Filed During Period	Disposed of During Period	Pending at end of Period
1976	43,592	38,078	17,502
1977	54,272	51,553	20,221
1978	60,364	62,586	17,999
1979	52,635	55,259	15,375
1980	53,184	53,138	14,462
1981	54,240	53,032	15,236

Disposed of during period: - - - - - -

Filed during period: ————————

Pending at end of period: - — - — - —

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FAMILY COURT WORKLOAD REPORT
JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1981

Circuit/County	Pending First of Period			Added During Period			Disposed During Period			Pending End of Period		
	JU	DR	TOTAL	JU	DR	TOTAL	JU	DR	TOTAL	JU	DR	TOTAL
Calhoun	6	51	57	6	119	125	9	111	120	3	59	62
Dorchester	62	234	296	125	688	813	161	681	842	26	241	267
Orangeburg	57	362	419	229	1,024	1,253	225	1,008	1,233	61	378	439
1st CIRCUIT	125	647	772	360	1,831	2,191	395	1,800	2,195	90	678	768
Aiken	31	368	399	371	1,829	2,200	389	1,802	2,191	13	395	408
Bamberg	4	79	83	35	212	247	32	241	273	7	50	57
Barnwell	20	73	93	66	285	351	56	288	344	30	70	100
2nd CIRCUIT	55	520	575	472	2,326	2,798	477	2,331	2,808	50	515	565
Clarendon	0	76	76	27	264	291	24	261	285	3	79	82
Lee	3	56	59	34	190	224	37	170	207	0	76	76
Sumter	36	345	381	198	1,294	1,492	204	1,279	1,483	30	360	390
Williamsburg	1	100	101	63	282	345	54	282	336	10	100	110
3rd CIRCUIT	40	577	617	322	2,030	2,352	319	1,992	2,311	43	615	658
Chesterfield	17	167	184	101	576	677	106	617	723	12	126	138
Darlington	48	321	369	225	817	1,042	221	915	1,136	52	223	275
Dillon	21	118	139	95	513	608	95	454	549	21	177	198
Marlboro	26	150	176	137	492	629	147	534	681	16	108	124
4th CIRCUIT	112	756	868	558	2,398	2,956	569	2,520	3,089	101	634	735
Kershaw	5	163	168	52	503	555	54	504	558	3	162	165
Richland	129	1,297	1,426	480	3,696	4,176	476	3,650	4,126	133	1,343	1,476
5th CIRCUIT	134	1,460	1,594	532	4,199	4,731	530	4,154	4,684	136	1,505	1,641
Chester	0	119	119	154	413	567	140	422	562	14	110	124
Fairfield	2	81	83	84	328	412	81	309	390	5	100	105
Lancaster	10	184	194	303	911	1,214	268	839	1,107	45	256	301
6th CIRCUIT	12	384	396	541	1,652	2,193	489	1,570	2,059	64	466	530

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Circuit/County	Pending First of Period			Added During Period			Disposed During Period			Pending End of Period		
	JU	DR	TOTAL	JU	DR	TOTAL	JU	DR	TOTAL	JU	DR	TOTAL
Cherokee	4	227	231	160	552	712	151	579	730	13	200	213
Spartanburg	127	760	887	613	2,958	3,571	677	2,883	3,560	63	835	898
7th CIRCUIT	131	987	1,118	773	3,510	4,283	828	3,462	4,290	76	1,035	1,111
Abbeville	10	60	70	43	274	317	48	286	334	5	48	53
Greenwood	12	225	237	211	755	966	207	772	979	16	208	224
Laurens	26	185	211	153	759	912	139	729	868	40	215	255
Newberry	12	113	125	67	423	490	67	412	479	12	124	136
8th CIRCUIT	60	583	643	474	2,211	2,685	461	2,199	2,660	73	595	668
Berkeley	7	285	292	195	1,074	1,269	193	1,044	1,237	9	315	324
Charleston	231	1,063	1,294	1,398	4,007	5,405	1,371	3,524	4,895	258	1,546	1,804
9th CIRCUIT	238	1,348	1,586	1,593	5,081	6,674	1,564	4,568	6,132	267	1,861	2,128
Anderson	14	616	630	314	1,984	2,298	303	1,989	2,292	25	611	636
Oconee	23	155	178	203	718	921	182	706	888	44	167	211
10th CIRCUIT	37	771	808	517	2,702	3,219	485	2,695	3,180	69	778	847
Edgefield	5	34	39	24	127	151	25	125	150	4	36	40
Lexington	56	800	856	284	2,035	2,319	320	2,012	2,332	20	823	843
McCormick	2	25	27	7	102	109	9	87	96	0	40	40
Saluda	9	42	51	39	144	183	40	152	192	8	34	42
11th CIRCUIT	72	901	973	354	2,408	2,762	394	2,376	2,770	32	933	965
Florence	15	337	352	206	1,658	1,864	185	1,597	1,782	36	398	434
Marion	10	97	107	122	487	609	117	473	590	15	111	126
12th CIRCUIT	25	434	459	328	2,145	2,473	302	2,070	2,372	51	509	560

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Circuit/County	Pending First of Period			Added During Period			Disposed During Period			Pending End of Period		
	JU	DR	TOTAL	JU	DR	TOTAL	JU	DR	TOTAL	JU	DR	TOTAL
Greenville	108	1,482	1,590	899	5,155	6,054	844	4,852	5,696	163	1,785	1,948
Pickens	56	315	371	295	1,052	1,347	287	1,038	1,325	64	329	393
13th CIRCUIT	164	1,797	1,961	1,194	6,207	7,401	1,131	5,890	7,021	227	2,114	2,341
Allendale	0	33	33	34	91	125	31	100	131	3	24	27
Beaufort	10	265	275	93	941	1,034	93	885	978	10	321	331
Colleton	16	155	171	100	391	491	107	412	519	9	134	143
Hampton	7	33	40	29	174	203	31	172	203	5	35	40
Jasper	10	76	86	40	281	321	49	262	311	1	95	96
14th CIRCUIT	43	562	605	296	1,878	2,174	311	1,831	2,142	28	609	637
Georgetown	30	124	154	88	551	639	109	529	638	9	146	155
Horry	74	302	376	465	1,540	2,005	468	1,473	1,941	71	369	440
15th CIRCUIT	104	426	530	553	2,091	2,644	577	2,002	2,579	80	515	595
Union	37	117	154	216	362	578	230	360	590	23	119	142
York	48	411	459	550	1,576	2,126	508	1,642	2,150	90	345	435
16th CIRCUIT	85	528	613	766	1,938	2,704	738	2,002	2,740	113	464	577
STATEWIDE TOTAL	1,437	12,681	14,118	9,633	44,607	54,240	9,570	43,462	53,032	1,500	13,826	15,326

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PENDING FAMILY COURT CASES

Base Year 1976, cases pending 17,502

Year	Cases Pending	% Increase/ Decrease
1977	20,221	+ 16%
1978	17,999	- 11%
1979	15,375	- 15%
1980	14,462	- 6%
1981	15,326	+ 6%

The figures for 1976 give an indication of what the dockets looked like before the implementation of the unified family court system. The newly formed court went into operation on July 1, 1977. Pending cases which were previously handled by the circuit or county courts, but now came within the exclusive jurisdiction of the family court, were transferred to the family court dockets. In many instances, this completely dissolved the county courts.

Because of staffing, furnishing, and other problems associated with the implementation of a new court system, many courts did not become fully operational until the latter months of 1977. During 1977, the number of pending family court cases increased by 16%. During 1978, the court was fully operational and began to attack the backlog of pending cases. This steady reduction has continued and by the end of 1979, the number of pending cases had fallen below the 1976 level. This reduction rate slowed during 1980. By the end of 1981, the level of pending cases rebounded back to the 1979 level. The age of pending cases has stayed at 83%, less than six months old, for two years.

Age of Pending Cases

Year	Total Pending	% Less Than 6 Mo. Old
1978	17,999	65%
1979	15,375	76%
1980	14,462	83%
1981	15,326	83%

The improvement in the number of pending cases is evidence that the unified court's approach in handling the family court backlog is working. The effectiveness of the unified system is further amplified by the change in the age of pending cases. In 1978, only 65% of the pending cases were less than six months old. But by the end of 1981, 83% of the cases pending were less than six months old. The dockets had not only been reduced in terms of total size, but they were now very current.

Figures for 1980 and 1981 suggest that the rapid improvement phase, in terms of current dockets, may be over. During 1982 and 1983, the total size and age of the dockets must be closely watched. Although we appear to be entering a period of stability, there are signs that the dockets may begin to regress.

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Circuit/County	Total Pending	0-3 Months		4-6 Months		Total 6 Months or Less		7-9 Months		10-12 Months		13-18 Months		Over 18 Months	
	#	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Calhoun	62	32/	52%	17/	27%	49/	79%	7/	11%	2/	3%	3/	5%	1/	2%
Dorchester	267	123/	46%	90/	34%	213/	80%	37/	14%	12/	4%	3/	1%	2/	1%
Orangeburg	439	217/	49%	158/	36%	375/	85%	45/	10%	12/	3%	7/	2%	0/	0%
1st CIRCUIT	768	372/	48%	265/	35%	637/	83%	89/	12%	26/	3%	13/	2%	3/	0%
Aiken	408	233/	47%	161/	39%	394/	97%	13/	3%	1/	0%	0/	0%	0/	0%
Bamberg	57	28/	49%	25/	44%	53/	93%	4/	7%	0/	0%	0/	0%	0/	0%
Barnwell	100	59/	59%	34/	34%	93/	93%	5/	5%	2/	2%	0/	0%	0/	0%
2nd CIRCUIT	565	320/	57%	220/	39%	540/	96%	22/	4%	3/	1%	0/	0%	0/	0%
Clarendon	82	48/	59%	15/	18%	63/	77%	17/	21%	1/	1%	1/	1%	0/	0%
Lee	76	51/	67%	15/	20%	66/	87%	9/	12%	1/	1%	0/	0%	0/	0%
Sumter	390	209/	54%	111/	28%	320/	82%	51/	13%	13/	3%	4/	1%	2/	1%
Williamsburg	110	46/	42%	30/	27%	76/	69%	23/	21%	9/	8%	2/	2%	0/	0%
3rd CIRCUIT	658	364/	54%	171/	26%	525/	80%	100/	15%	24/	4%	7/	1%	2/	0%
Chesterfield	138	77/	56%	44/	32%	121/	88%	15/	11%	1/	1%	1/	1%	0/	0%
Darlington	275	149/	54%	81/	29%	230/	84%	33/	12%	7/	3%	4/	1%	1/	0%
Dillon	198	85/	43%	65/	33%	150/	76%	33/	17%	9/	5%	6/	3%	0/	0%
Marlboro	124	72/	58%	36/	29%	108/	87%	14/	11%	0/	0%	2/	2%	0/	0%
4th CIRCUIT	735	383/	52%	226/	31%	609/	83%	95/	13%	17/	2%	13/	2%	1/	0%
Kershaw	165	88/	53%	46/	28%	134/	81%	21/	13%	6/	4%	2/	1%	2/	1%
Richland	1,476	745/	50%	463/	31%	1,208/	82%	165/	11%	48/	3%	45/	3%	10/	1%
5th CIRCUIT	1,641	833/	51%	509/	31%	1,342/	82%	186/	11%	54/	3%	47/	3%	12/	1%
Chester	124	71/	57%	34/	27%	105/	85%	10/	8%	5/	4%	2/	2%	2/	2%
Fairfield	105	50/	48%	37/	35%	87/	83%	14/	13%	1/	1%	1/	1%	2/	2%
Lancaster	301	156/	52%	96/	32%	252/	84%	36/	12%	8/	3%	4/	1%	1/	0%
6th CIRCUIT	530	277/	52%	167/	32%	444/	84%	60/	11%	14/	3%	7/	1%	5/	1%

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Circuit/County	Total Pending	0-3 Months		4-6 Months		Total 6 Months or Less		7-9 Months		10-12 Months		13-18 Months		Over 18 Months	
	#	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Cherokee	213	106/	50%	58/	27%	164/	77%	29/	14%	16/	8%	3/	1%	1/	0%
Spartanburg	898	475/	53%	283/	32%	758/	84%	111/	12%	25/	3%	3/	0%	1/	0%
7th CIRCUIT	1,111	581/	52%	341/	31%	922/	83%	140/	13%	41/	4%	6/	1%	2/	0%
Abbeville	53	27/	51%	17/	32%	44/	83%	9/	17%	0/	0%	0/	0%	0/	0%
Greenwood	224	126/	56%	62/	28%	188/	84%	26/	12%	7/	3%	2/	1%	1/	0%
Laurens	255	125/	49%	87/	34%	212/	83%	24/	9%	5/	2%	3/	1%	11/	4%
Newberry	136	74/	54%	38/	28%	112/	82%	17/	13%	5/	4%	2/	1%	0/	0%
8th CIRCUIT	668	352/	53%	204/	31%	556/	83%	76/	11%	17/	3%	7/	1%	12/	2%
Berkeley	324	142/	44%	136/	42%	278/	86%	35/	11%	5/	2%	5/	2%	1/	0%
Charleston	1,804	904/	50%	521/	29%	1,425/	79%	260/	14%	77/	4%	31/	2%	11/	1%
9th CIRCUIT	2,128	1,046/	49%	657/	31%	1,703/	80%	295/	14%	82/	4%	36/	2%	12/	1%
Anderson	636	321/	50%	217/	34%	538/	85%	82/	13%	10/	2%	4/	1%	2/	0%
Oconee	211	129/	61%	60/	28%	189/	90%	18/	9%	4/	2%	0/	0%	0/	0%
10th CIRCUIT	847	450/	53%	277/	33%	727/	86%	100/	12%	14/	2%	4/	0%	2/	0%
Edgefield	40	13/	33%	19/	48%	32/	80%	4/	10%	0/	0%	2/	5%	2/	5%
Lexington	843	369/	44%	248/	29%	617/	73%	144/	17%	52/	6%	25/	3%	5/	1%
McCormick	40	11/	28%	18/	45%	29/	73%	6/	15%	4/	10%	1/	3%	0/	0%
Saluda	42	24/	57%	15/	36%	39/	93%	3/	7%	0/	0%	0/	0%	0/	0%
11th CIRCUIT	965	417/	43%	300/	31%	717/	74%	157/	16%	56/	6%	28/	3%	7/	1%
Florence	434	257/	59%	137/	32%	394/	91%	31/	7%	5/	1%	4/	1%	0/	0%
Marion	126	77/	61%	33/	26%	110/	87%	14/	11%	2/	2%	0/	0%	0/	0%
12th CIRCUIT	560	334/	60%	170/	30%	504/	90%	45/	8%	7/	1%	4/	1%	0/	0%

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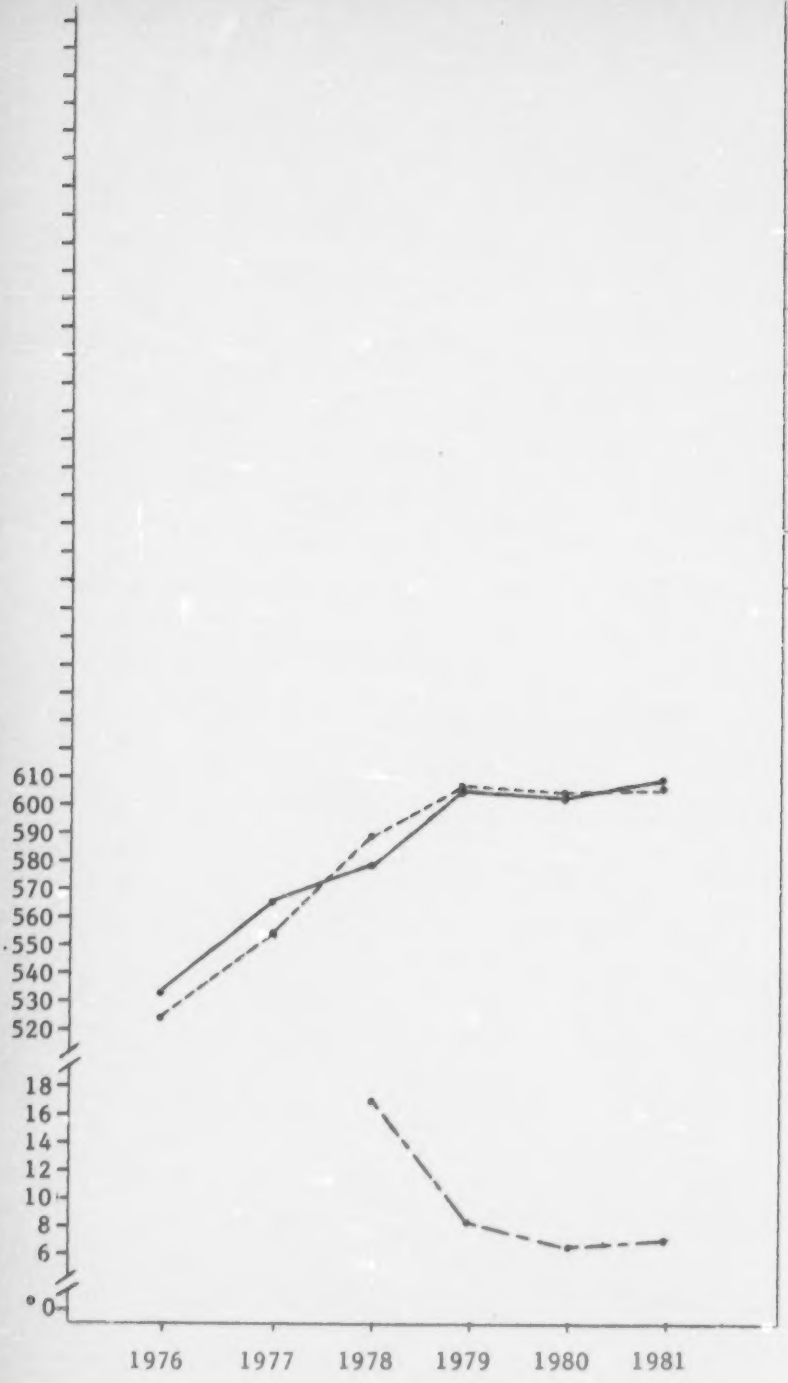
	#	# %	# %	# %	# %	# %	# %	# %
Greenville	1,948	929/ 48%	705/ 36%	1,634/ 84%	281/ 14%	23/ 1%	10/ 1%	0/ 0%
Pickens	393	184/ 47%	114/ 29%	298/ 76%	67/ 17%	15/ 4%	5/ 1%	8/ 2%
13th CIRCUIT	2,341	1,113/ 48%	819/ 35%	1,932/ 83%	348/ 15%	38/ 2%	15/ 1%	8/ 0%
Allendale	27	21/ 78%	2/ 7%	23/ 85%	1/ 4%	1/ 4%	2/ 7%	0/ 0%
Beaufort	331	153/ 46%	100/ 30%	253/ 76%	44/ 13%	20/ 6%	9/ 3%	5/ 2%
Colleton	143	74/ 52%	50/ 35%	124/ 87%	14/ 10%	1/ 1%	2/ 1%	2/ 1%
Hampton	40	18/ 45%	19/ 48%	37/ 93%	2/ 5%	0/ 0%	1/ 3%	0/ 0%
Jasper	96	46/ 48%	47/ 49%	93/ 97%	0/ 0%	0/ 0%	3/ 3%	0/ 0%
14th CIRCUIT	637	312/ 49%	218/ 34%	530/ 83%	61/ 10%	22/ 3%	17/ 3%	7/ 1%
Georgetown	155	94/ 61%	54/ 35%	148/ 95%	5/ 3%	2/ 1%	0/ 0%	0/ 0%
Horry	440	272/ 62%	123/ 28%	395/ 90%	38/ 9%	5/ 1%	2/ 0%	0/ 0%
15th CIRCUIT	595	366/ 62%	177/ 30%	543/ 91%	43/ 7%	7/ 1%	2/ 0%	0/ 0%
Union	142	68/ 48%	41/ 29%	109/ 77%	32/ 23%	1/ 1%	0/ 0%	0/ 0%
York	435	242/ 56%	161/ 37%	403/ 93%	19/ 4%	7/ 2%	6/ 1%	0/ 0%
16th CIRCUIT	577	310/ 54%	202/ 35%	512/ 89%	51/ 9%	8/ 1%	6/ 1%	0/ 0%
STATEWIDE TOTAL	15,326	7,820/ 51%	4,923/ 32%	12,743/ 83%	1,868/ 12%	430/ 3%	212/ 1%	73/ 0%

1981 SUMMARY OF

MAGISTRATE INFORMATION



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Year	Filed During Period	Disposed of During Period	Pending at end of Period
1976	532,803	523,618	
1977	565,838	552,658	
1978	577,616	585,309	16,942
1979	604,068	604,398	8,109
1980	601,419	601,481	6,246
1981	608,402	608,168	6,553

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MAGISTRATE	TOTAL CRIM&CIV.		CRIMINAL CASES								CIVIL CASES						PRELIMINARY HEARINGS						WARRANTS	
						CONCLUDED BY						CONCLUDED BY						CONCLUDED BY						
	TOTAL CASES FILED	TOTAL CASES ENDED	DUI	TRAFFIC OTHER	NON-TRAFFIC	JURY	NON-JURY	FORFE-ITURE/ GUILTY PLEA	PENDNG FIRST OF PERIOD	PENDNG END OF PERIOD	CIVIL FILED	JURY	NON-JURY	OTHER	PENDNG FIRST OF PERIOD	PENDNG END OF PERIOD	PREL. FILED	NOL PROS	BOUND OVER	DIS-CHARGED	PENDNG FIRST OF PERIOD	PENDNG END OF PERIOD	ARREST ISSUED	SEARCH ISSUED
Abbeville	4351	4379	84	3471	341	23	21	3852	0	0	455	2	0	481	44	16	84	0	73	11	0	0	560	3
Aiken	19668	19335	296	13410	3818	84	4927	12229	82	366	2144	27	923	1145	68	117	970	39	707	175	84	133	4630	164
Allendale	2881	2882	46	2512	171	8	282	2439	1	1	152	1	79	73	3	2	76	9	24	48	5	0	433	0
Anderson	19657	19609	413	13714	3121	63	1037	16131	27	44	2409	49	124	2205	11	42	857	1	615	227	26	40	3692	65
Bamberg	3313	3313	46	2868	149	2	2937	124	0	0	250	0	237	13	0	0	148	7	130	11	0	0	475	12
Barnwell	3232	3233	25	2631	380	0	133	2904	1	0	196	0	7	189	0	0	52	0	51	1	0	0	617	3
Beaufort	12222	12137	237	9619	1205	24	4611	5425	1	2	1161	13	513	551	29	113	352	19	217	116	2	2	2406	15
Berkeley	11864	11846	230	7110	2037	29	2455	5893	0	0	2487	3	652	1814	15	33	171	5	134	32	0	0	2319	34
Calhoun	4681	4667	54	4304	173	7	831	3688	0	5	150	0	118	23	0	9	37	3	31	3	0	0	306	5
Charleston	54430	54153	768	34795	4781	117	6914	33342	51	22	14086	49	2961	10770	155	461	1785	25	1260	338	48	210	7197	197
Cherokee	9656	9612	296	7494	1313	17	64	8978	11	55	553	3	39	511	23	23	247	0	192	56	2	1	1996	35
Chester	5893	5895	155	4535	595	32	763	4489	0	1	608	3	190	418	9	6	147	1	116	32	2	0	967	28
Chesterfield	8079	8083	213	6044	1196	28	1307	5627	12	3	626	0	52	569	22	27	47	4	22	19	3	5	1247	16
Clarendon	11595	11607	174	10260	772	45	1407	9768	50	36	389	1	115	271	13	15	162	1	120	42	2	1	913	16

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MAGISTRATE	TOTAL CRIM&CIV.		CRIMINAL CASES								CIVIL CASES						PRELIMINARY HEARINGS						WARRANTS	
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	TOTAL CASES FILED	TOTAL CASES ENDED	DUI	TRAFFIC OTHER	NON-TRAFFIC	JURY	NON-JURY	FORFEITURE/ GUILTY PLEA	PENDNG FIRST OF PERIOD	PENDNG END OF PERIOD	CIVIL FILED	JURY	NON-JURY	OTHER	PENDNG FIRST OF PERIOD	PENDNG END OF PERIOD	PREL. FILED	NOL PROS	BOUND OVER	DIS-CHARGED	PENDNG FIRST OF PERIOD	PENDNG END OF PERIOD	ARREST ISSUED	SEARCH ISSUED
Colleton	8904	8898	125	7105	1009	17	887	7319	12	28	665	5	216	454	35	25	242	5	168	72	10	7	1222	5
Darlington	9652	9646	212	6234	1904	50	2518	5817	87	52	1302	6	106	1149	38	79	237	8	169	68	27	19	2342	31
Dillon	13619	13619	122	12225	922	15	731	12524	1	0	350	0	26	323	0	1	102	5	71	28	2	0	1184	41
Dorchester	10379	10383	207	8454	674	49	6188	3093	1	6	1044	2	668	383	21	12	233	6	249	13	48	13	1337	18
Edgefield	2928	2937	42	2390	271	4	224	2488	19	6	225	0	26	195	5	9	69	0	60	10	2	1	184	8
Fairfield	7292	7286	268	6146	703	29	1739	5343	0	6	175	0	125	50	0	0	51	0	23	27	3	4	730	12
Florence	33291	32956	671	21486	7208	210	4104	24702	10	359	3926	49	245	3646	144	130	577	3	435	153	54	40	7188	63
Georgetown	8746	8724	243	5754	2147	126	1716	5280	18	40	602	6	38	558	23	23	211	0	137	74	0	0	1976	4
Greenville	46778	47015	592	20348	9954	132	10745	20254	1054	817	15884	71	1687	14126	96	96	1536	21	1197	150	595	763	11725	237
Greenwood	10799	10786	108	7125	661	5	2826	3062	102	103	2905	1	494	2398	45	57	209	0	180	21	10	18	1148	6
Hampton	3294	3308	35	2363	168	1	1565	1500	0	0	228	2	105	135	14	0	185	0	83	102	0	0	628	15
Horry	20434	20456	540	14109	3379	257	8257	9496	109	127	2406	157	1138	1151	144	104	940	6	844	90	0	0	6395	54
Jasper	8143	8129	221	7338	346	12	22	7859	4	16	238	1	0	235	4	6	73	0	52	20	3	4	520	27
Kershaw	8872	8894	220	6743	1375	64	1808	6470	48	44	534	8	404	140	21	3	376	25	220	143	19	7	1512	32

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Lancaster	8595	8731	166	5311	1831	21	389	6899	1	0	1287	0	5	1417	201	66	379	9	256	83	40	71	2022	24
Laurens	8783	8784	91	7079	707	11	804	7060	2	4	906	2	146	761	35	32	196	9	152	33	8	10	1487	20
Lee	6347	6526	133	5531	404	47	1408	4788	191	16	279	5	66	212	19	15	113	0	67	47	1	0	662	10
Lexington	24791	24687	364	16387	5030	132	9551	12124	59	33	3010	10	1814	1056	169	299	583	11	420	124	50	78	6618	102
Marion	8004	7974	170	6331	751	42	994	6182	17	51	752	5	38	713	63	59	166	1	86	82	9	6	2054	7
Marlboro	8266	8230	236	5920	1336	143	746	6602	21	22	774	0	74	665	37	72	73	0	30	38	3	8	1243	61
McCormick	180	184	4	67	65	2	21	113	7	7	44	0	20	28	15	11	5	0	6	3	4	0	81	4
Newberry	7743	7740	133	5687	1407	17	869	6338	7	10	516	3	192	321	10	10	291	0	212	92	17	4	1206	40
Oconee	7748	7728	119	4718	1489	13	453	5852	5	13	1422	7	126	1277	86	98	434	8	249	136	38	79	2125	33
Orangeburg	12676	12627	105	8826	1754	18	2836	7825	8	14	1991	2	340	1606	135	178	190	19	130	51	21	11	2717	39
Pickens	7871	7875	99	5441	1520	103	434	6523	0	0	811	46	69	700	4	0	398	22	318	60	2	0	2954	48
Richland	55465	55907	765	27308	10636	343	15074	23764	1583	1111	16756	64	5714	10948	90	120	1890	297	1140	363	33	123	14758	99
Saluda	2331	2311	33	1972	209	13	206	1974	0	21	117	1	47	70	5	4	58	0	49	8	2	3	392	10
Spartanburg	31001	31176	423	17222	7101	109	5649	19144	420	264	6255	16	2828	3430	145	126	3164	711	2134	329	164	154	13274	453

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Sumter	24657	24679	339	17664	5014	249	8073	14739	113	69	1640	4	469	1145	130	152	1059	6	764	232	20	77	4813	87
Union	5503	5495	140	3893	690	47	471	4202	1	4	780	7	70	698	2	7	69	0	76	3	13	3	1074	41
Williamsburg	5437	5429	69	4227	575	8	432	4422	1	10	566	0	148	419	3	2	179	0	97	80	0	2	1599	11
York	18351	18302	356	11125	1742	45	1957	11224	3	0	5128	21	684	4371	48	100	269	4	230	36	1	0	1978	71
TOTALS	608,402	608,168	10,388	405,796	91,034	2,813	121,881	284,871	4,140	3,793	99,184	652	24,138	73,813	2,179	2,760	19,692	1,290	13,996	3,882	1,373	1,897	126,906	2,306

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Dixon, H.	523	523	20	407	58	4	8	473	0	0	38	0	0	38	0	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	145	0
Latham, L.	45	45	1	44	0	0	3	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Manos, E.	3767	3795	63	3014	273	19	4	3327	0	0	417	2	0	443	44	16	79	0	73	6	0	0	346	3
McElrath, H.	16	16	0	6	10	0	6	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	0
TOTALS	4351	4379	84	3471	341	23	21	3852	0	0	455	2	0	481	44	16	84	0	73	11	0	0	560	3

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Byars, J.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	608	5
Cassels, W.	263	235	0	1	128	0	100	16	3	16	134	3	3	113	2	17	17	5	11	4	4	1	223	0
Corbett, O.	178	173	1	6	71	1	33	44	0	0	100	0	6	89	1	6	2	1	1	2	2	0	97	1
Holley, R.	6277	6098	82	5412	591	9	1249	4656	0	171	192	0	69	115	10	18	200	0	147	46	22	29	580	36
Meek, M.	5424	5447	65	3438	1169	44	1296	3350	58	40	752	19	540	198	15	10	425	33	290	59	40	83	1505	71
Nichols, B.	2955	2911	42	1208	1174	10	708	1684	19	41	531	5	252	252	22	44	116	0	85	32	16	15	634	9
Padgett, E.	654	654	5	612	20	1	636	0	0	0	17	0	14	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	0
Shaw, C.	68	70	1	0	28	0	31	0	2	0	39	0	39	0	3	3	7	0	4	1	0	2	33	2
Wilson, W.	3849	3747	100	2733	637	19	874	2479	0	98	379	0	0	375	15	19	203	0	169	31	0	3	908	40
TOTALS	19668	19335	296	13410	3818	84	4927	12229	82	366	2144	27	923	1145	68	117	970	39	707	175	84	133	4630	164

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Dedmon, J.	1424	1424	25	1216	115	0	2	1354	0	0	68	0	68	0	0	0	33	0	0	33	0	0	267	0
Ferguson, R.	1240	1239	20	1098	44	7	70	1085	0	0	78	0	6	71	1	2	41	9	23	14	5	0	155	0
Smith, W.	217	219	1	198	12	1	210	0	1	1	6	1	5	2	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	11	0
TOTALS	2881	2882	46	2512	171	8	282	2439	1	1	152	1	79	73	3	2	76	9	24	48	5	0	433	0

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Ashley, J.[A]	405	404	8	320	57	0	1	383	0	1	20	0	0	20	0	0	41	0	20	17	0	4	178	4
Devore, J.[B]	9	9	0	7	2	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Gerrard, J.	6183	6179	94	3662	726	27	34	4420	11	12	1701	17	26	1655	2	5	152	0	100	47	2	7	888	5
Horton, J.	950	924	32	568	242	1	145	693	0	3	108	0	13	72	1	24	45	0	22	26	3	0	341	1
Hunter, G.[B]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Latham, S.	14	14	1	3	10	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	9	3	0	0	52	3
McAdams, W.	2440	2440	16	2402	22	0	482	1958	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	9	7	0	0	122	9
McCoy, J.	220	224	3	94	101	0	53	146	1	0	22	0	17	8	3	0	18	0	13	7	2	0	193	3
Moore, H.	563	564	25	160	377	0	0	562	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	56	0	46	12	3	1	343	4
Moore, R.[C]	1377	1366	18	998	241	5	118	1129	0	5	120	2	17	95	0	6	33	1	21	11	0	0	237	5
Ragsdale, B.	2956	2959	47	2705	139	8	109	2777	3	0	65	1	0	64	0	0	27	0	23	3	1	2	279	7
Rogers, J.	109	100	2	13	67	0	45	34	0	3	27	0	4	17	0	6	11	0	10	1	0	0	117	2
Whitfield, L.	4431	4426	167	2782	1137	22	50	4006	12	20	345	29	47	272	4	1	446	0	342	93	14	25	941	22
TOTALS	19657	19609	413	13714	3121	63	1037	16131	27	44	2409	49	124	2205	11	42	857	1	615	227	26	40	3692	65

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Bennett, J.	76	76	0	60	5	0	1	64	0	0	11	0	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0
Blocker, J.	66	66	2	19	42	0	3	60	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	2
Folk, L.	3	3	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Gibson, W.	3168	3168	44	2789	99	2	2930	0	0	0	236	0	236	0	0	0	148	7	130	11	0	0	402	10
TOTALS	3313	3313	46	2868	149	2	2937	124	0	0	250	0	237	13	0	0	148	7	130	11	0	0	475	12

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Birt, H.	923	923	7	830	33	0	0	870	0	0	53	0	7	46	0	0	12	0	12	0	0	0	97	1
Delk, H.[A]	7	8	0	5	2	0	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Flowers, H.	833	833	6	742	53	0	127	674	0	0	32	0	0	32	0	0	11	0	11	0	0	0	54	2
Martin, R.	1469	1469	12	1054	292	0	0	1358	0	0	111	0	0	111	0	0	29	0	28	1	0	0	464	0
TOTALS	3232	3233	25	2631	380	0	133	2904	1	0	196	0	7	189	0	0	52	0	51	1	0	0	617	3

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Kline, E.	767	767	5	710	50	1	764	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	0
McDomick, J.	754	760	17	571	102	6	682	1	1	2	64	1	70	0	7	0	28	2	18	8	2	2	91	0
Reynolds, C.	2451	2451	40	2229	155	4	343	2077	0	0	27	2	6	19	0	0	25	0	18	7	0	0	89	2
Robinson, D.	4810	4769	109	3243	660	5	2325	1682	0	0	798	3	367	387	22	63	133	10	92	31	0	0	1704	7
Smith, L.	3440	3390	66	2866	238	8	497	2665	0	0	270	7	68	145	0	50	166	7	89	70	0	0	450	6
TOTALS	12222	12137	237	9619	1205	24	4611	5425	1	2	1161	13	513	551	29	113	352	19	217	116	2	2	2406	15

COUNTY: Beaufort

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Adams, W.	1113	1113	29	974	13	4	51	961	0	0	97	0	35	62	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	58	1
Altman, R.	1351	1351	47	845	277	8	299	862	0	0	182	0	45	137	0	0	45	3	42	0	0	0	547	12
Ballentine, R.	511	511	21	358	97	2	299	175	0	0	35	0	32	3	0	0	19	0	8	11	0	0	98	0
Blanton, H.	155	155	1	46	83	1	47	82	0	0	25	1	20	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	28	0
Brown, W.	84	84	0	32	0	0	0	32	0	0	52	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0
Cannon, M.	3281	3265	35	1660	360	3	491	1561	0	0	1226	1	405	804	12	28	27	0	16	11	0	0	516	1
Dennis, W.	130	130	3	56	55	0	114	0	0	0	16	0	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Grady, I.	4269	4265	86	2968	965	7	1009	3003	0	0	250	1	4	241	0	4	47	1	43	3	0	0	826	15
Mitchum, T.	59	59	0	0	56	3	6	47	0	0	3	0	2	1	0	0	17	0	16	1	0	0	8	0
Murray, J.	54	55	1	21	18	0	39	1	0	0	14	0	13	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	20	0
Shuler, L.	56	56	1	42	2	0	0	45	0	0	11	0	0	11	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	4	0
Smith, H.	18	18	0	6	5	0	0	11	0	0	7	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0
White, L.	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wiggins, S.	163	164	2	78	49	0	39	90	0	0	34	0	0	35	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	118	3
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Wright, H.	85	85	3	20	27	0	33	17	0	0	35	0	30	5	0	0	4	0	2	2	0	0	32	0
Zolnierwicz, L.	529	529	1	4	30	1	28	6	0	0	494	0	50	444	0	0	3	0	2	1	0	0	47	0
TOTALS	11864	11846	230	7110	2037	29	2455	6893	0	0	2487	3	652	1814	15	33	171	5	134	32	0	0	2319	34

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